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Health centre set to close doors

Patients face race to sign up for new GP surgery

By **Samantha McGregor**

RESIDENTS have just days left to register at a new GP practice before a Bicester surgery closes its doors for good.

In August, North Bicester Surgery announced it was to close despite having thousands of people on its books.

The surgery is due to close tomorrow, but still has 2,000 patients registered with it.

In a patients' newsletter, the surgery said the practice was not financially viable due to "the continued decrease in national funding which still has a further five years of cuts to run" and, therefore, it was unable to recruit new doctors.

Patients need to register with an alternative practice by the end of September to ensure they are not without access to local GP services. They can register with one of four GP practices in Bicester - The Health Centre, Victoria House, Langford Medical Practice and Montgomery House Surgery.

Julie Dandridge, head of primary care and localities for Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We

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• The North Bicester Surgery

Dad completes abseil to say thank-you for hospital's care

• Luke Froude with Henry's godfathers Conor McLennan, Matt Hewitt and Tomos Button Copeland following their fundraising abseiling down the side of the John Radcliffe Hospital

A BANBURY dad has thanked a charity that helped him and his wife deal with the loss of two of their children with a fundraising abseil down the side of an Oxford hospital.

Luke Froude, along with his son Henry's godfathers, completed the abseil at the John Radcliffe to raise £2,500 for Silver Star, the hospital's special care unit for mothers.

Henry was born in May and after spending the first two weeks of his life in hospital is now doing well at home.

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Campaigners slam 'secret' health cuts

By **George Welch**

AN NHS campaign group has hit out against "secret plans" by the body behind almost £10million of NHS cuts.

Last month, board members at Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) approved savings to plug an unexpected £17m black hole in 2017/18.

Up to £9.7m could be taken from areas such as investment for GPs, child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and end-of-life programmes.

But the Keep Our NHS Public (KONP) group, which aims to counter the potential privatisation of the NHS, has criticised the OCCG for not saying where the cuts will be made.

The campaign claims the OCCG has refused to reveal its involvement in 'secret government plans' that could see further threats to patient care.

• The John Radcliffe Hospital

A statement from KONP said: "OCCG continues to stall by not answering direct questions put by campaigners Oxfordshire Keep Our NHS Public, and by its repeated delays in responding to an information request from our local Healthwatch, challenging the secrecy of the plans.

"And the local health scrutiny committee, which has a public duty to ask searching questions about significant changes to local health services, has once again failed to see this blueprint, officially known as a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), which will impose further drastic cuts on local health and social care."

It is feared that these STPs will see more GP practices closed, community services reduced or removed altogether, hospital wards and departments downgraded or axed, beds permanently lost, A&E threatened, and staff terms and conditions of employment weakened.

Oxfordshire has already seen the downgrading of maternity services at Horton General Hospital at Banbury, GP practice closures in Witney and Bicester, and hospital and community beds no longer available.

Oxfordshire KONP's chairman, Dr Ken Williamson, said on Tuesday: "That the public is being prevented from seeing these secret plans until the end of the year is shocking.

"It isn't good enough to say that the plans have to have Government approval before the public can comment on them.

"By Christmas, these plans will be a done deal, and any consultation will be a cynical PR exercise.

"These plans (STPs) are being imposed by central government as part of a massive defunding of our National Health Service, deliberately starving it of much-needed investment.

"They want the NHS to fail. They want people to get angry."

David Smith, chief executive of the OCCG, said: "The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) that covers Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire is still in development.

"Much of the service redesign required to meet the increasing demands on and challenges to services across the patch is at a county level.

"We have been openly discussing the Transformation Programme for many months now, including holding public events.

"An Oxfordshire-wide public consultation for the future of health services in the county will be launched in December 2016/January 2017."

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CCTV appeal

WITNEY: Police have released CCTV images following a burglary at a butcher's shop in Witney.

At about 2.10am on September 17, burglars forced entry to Baker's Butchers in the Woolgate Centre via a rear door.

They damaged a freezer inside the shop, stole cash and left the premises carrying money in a shopping trolley.

Call 101 with information.

Jailed for life

OXON: A serial killer who buried the body of a woman in Oxfordshire has been jailed for life for the murder of another woman.

Swindon taxi driver Christopher Halliwell was sentenced for the murder of 20-year-old Becky Godden on Thursday.

The 52-year-old, who was already serving 25 years for the murder of Sian O'Callaghan whose body was found at Uffington, near Wantage, in 2011, evaded justice for five years over Ms Godden's death due to police breaching arrest guidelines.

Ms Godden went missing from Swindon in 2003.

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Baby's death 'could not have been predicted'

AN INDEPENDENT watchdog has ruled that the death of an 11-week-old baby who was shaken to death by his father could not have been prevented by social services.

The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board's (OSCB) serious case review into the death of Jayden Saxton examined the involvement of all agencies which were in contact with the family prior to his death in Untons Place, Faringdon, on November 18, 2014.

The boy's father, Jordan Saxton, was convicted of manslaughter and jailed for nine years in October last year.

Independent chairman of the OSCB, Paul Burnett, said: "This was a terribly sad case with a tragic outcome.

"The review has found nothing to suggest that any professional could have predicted that [Jayden's] father would kill his son."

The review found that the baby's mother had been involved in 18 incidents of domestic abuse before she became pregnant with Jayden, who was her second child.

It stated that on the basis of the recorded incidents, that: "Had an assessment been done that included other agencies, it may have provided a basis for understanding potential vulnerabilities within the family."

It said however, that a new system of sharing information between agencies, along with other recommendations put forward by the case review, was now in place to deal with this.

Mr Burnett added: "Having looked very closely at the detail of the case, areas of practice that could be improved have been identified.

"But notably, the review concludes that there is no evidence to suggest that had these improvements been in place at the time, [Jayden's] death would have been prevented."

"The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board is already working closely with all the relevant partner agencies to ensure that the report's recommendations are fully implemented."

The report also revealed that social services were unaware of a number of factors including the mother's history of domestic abuse and couple's impending eviction from their flat.

Father and godfathers take daring plunge for JR unit

Abseil repays hospital's care

By **Samantha McGregor**

WHEN Gemma and Luke Froude made the decision to try for a baby after the devastation of losing their first two children, they took a leap of faith with a special hospital team.

And it paid off because thanks to the support of the Silver Star team at the special care unit at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital, the couple's little miracle Henry was born in May.

Last weekend, Luke, 35, along with Henry's godfathers Conor McLennan, 21, Matt Hewitt, 31, and Tomos Button Copeland, 35, took another leap of faith – this time to abseil 100ft down the side of the hospital.

Team Froude hopes its efforts will have raised £2,500 for the Silver Star team.

Afterwards, operations manager Luke, of Appleby Close, Banbury, said: "I was dreading the abseil and did find it harder this time. I guess you become more sensible with age.

"We are very pleased we've raised so much. The NHS are very strapped and Silver Star wouldn't be able to continue without charity help."

The cash raised will be put to good use.

Luke continued: "Silver Star have two large suite rooms on level six that they use for bereaved parents or families who have a child in the neonatal intensive care unit Topaz and Amethyst rooms; we've used both with Finnley and Henry.

"They have redecorated and upgraded one and the other needs doing so and our money will help that."

Henry was born seven weeks' premature weighing 4lb 2oz and spent the first two weeks of his life in hospital.

But he is now almost five months old and doing very well.

Mum Gemma said she was "really proud" of the four abseilers.

She said: "I'm very proud of them, it took them out of their comfort zones but they did it for Henry.

"I'm really pleased with what we've raised, I know how important the Silver Star is, so every penny helps."

The couple tragically lost their first child Noah, who was stillborn at 22 weeks, and their second child Finnley, when he was just 18 weeks old.

Finnley was born 12 weeks prematurely weighing just 1lb 4oz. He was cared for in the hospital's neo-natal intensive care unit and, although he grew to 7lb 14oz, sadly Finnley died after contracting an infection.

Luke and Gemma poured their grief into fundraising in Finnley's name.

They raised £86,000 for Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents (SSNAP), a charity which works with the special care baby unit at the JR.

Next year, one of Henry's godfathers Conor has pledged to run the Virgin Money London Marathon to raise further funds for the Silver Star unit.

• *The four-strong team hopes to have raised £2,500 for the hospital's Silver Star unit*

Surgery made 'unviable'

• *From front page*

are working closely with North Bicester Surgery to help them support all their patients during this time of change.

"As part of this work, we're appealing to people to take action and transfer to a new practice before the end of the month. This is a simple process of filling in a form from the new practice and shouldn't take much time at all."

The patients' newsletter said all staff would be made redundant on September 30, its three doctors were either retiring or "pursuing other interests", and staff were being supported in finding new roles.

It said: "The three doctors have spent the last two years exploring all options for the future but on the advice of their accountant have decided that changes in the national GP contract have made the practice financially unviable and unable to recruit new doctors."

Ginny Hope, head of primary care commissioning, NHS England (South Central), said: "NHS England will continue to work with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and North Bicester Surgery to ensure the smooth transfer of patient care and records and those patients with more complex conditions are supported as they look to move to alternative GP practices."

For alternative GPs, go to nhs.uk or call 0300 311 2233.

Picnic protest for hospital

THOUSANDS of people joined a protest to fight cuts in maternity services at Banbury's Horton Hospital.

A teddy bears' picnic and fete was held on Sunday at Spiceball Park, Banbury, to celebrate babies born at the Oxford Road hospital.

There were a string of family activities including pony rides, face-painting, stalls, raffle and cart rides.

The day also raised cash for a fighting fund for the Keep The Horton General campaign.

Organiser Emma Gold said: "We had a brilliant afternoon. The sun shone, and so did our supporters.

"We raised nearly £4,000."

The campaign needs to raise £20,000 to pay for a legal challenge over the decision by Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust's to suspend consultant-led maternity and the special care baby unit at the hospital.

Last month, the trust agreed to suspend the services from October 1.

The trust said it made the decision because it of problems recruiting "middle-grade" doctors.

• *The picnic*

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Company faces prosecution on pilot's death

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Flight Lieutenant Sean Cunningham died after being ejected from a Hawk jet at RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, in 2011.

The company, Martin Baker Aircraft, which tests its equipment at Chalgrove Airfield, is accused of breaching health and safety law.

Carrying out his pre-flight safety checks before take off, the 35-year-old died on November 8, 2011 when the ejector seat fired, sending him 300ft into the air.

The main parachute on the Mk 10 Martin Baker seat, which should have saved his life, failed to deploy and he suffered multiple injuries.

A spokesman for Martin Baker said: "The company has not yet received a summons in relation to this incident and is consequently unable to comment more at this time. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Flight Lieutenant Cunningham's family."

The firm is responsible for more then 17,000 ejector seats in service in 92 countries.

Martin Baker is to appear at Lincoln Magistrates' Court on a date to be confirmed.

Dispute over how to share 15,000 homes

By **Dominic Thomas**

OXFORDSHIRE'S leaders failed to reach a unanimous consensus on assisting Oxford with its 14,850-home housing gap at a meeting on Monday.

The leaders of the four district councils, the city council and the county council met to discuss where the extra homes should be built within Oxfordshire.

The plans distributed shares of the 15,000-home total between the councils, with a third of them - 4,950 - earmarked for the South Oxfordshire district by council officers.

It comes as Oxford City Council says it cannot accommodate the houses it was allocated in Oxfordshire's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) back in 2014, with 15,000 homes needing to be redistributed across the county.

And while the leaders of the other councils agreed to the proposals, South Oxfordshire District Council leader John Cotton voted against the recommendations.

He said: "I don't think the city has gone anywhere near far enough, so I'm not willing to sign up on 5,000 houses.

"I would argue that there is far greater potential in the city than has been identified, which calls into question this working figure, and without some certainty about that I'm not in a position to add to our pressures."

But City leader Bob Price dismissed Cllr Cotton's suggestions, and said: "The housing crisis in the city has been a feature of the city's infrastructure for a long time.

"Two years ago, the figure for the need was 22,000, which leaves 7,000 homes to be found in the city, and I think our capacity to provide that amount of homes is one which stretches the imagination."

County council leader Ian Hudspeth called for urgency, and said: "This process has been going on a long time and it's not just something that's been put in front of us now.

"This whole process shows the glacial speed with which we delivering everything and arguing over every fine point, but at some stage we've got to say 'this is it'."

The other leaders agreed to carry on with their plans without Mr Cotton, who said he would review his stance once he and the board could agree on a figure for the district.

• *The Growth Board Meeting at County Hall*

Proposed allocations for county's housing:

Cherwell	4,400
Oxford	550
South	4,950
Vale	2,200
West	2,750
Total	14,850

News Bites

Sexual assault

OXFORD: A 19-year-old woman was sexually assaulted by two men in Headington at the weekend.

The attack in Cuckoo Lane occurred on Sunday between about 1.40am and 2.10am. The victim was not injured.

The first man was white, aged in his late teens to early 20s, about 6ft 2ins tall, with a broad, muscular build.

He had brown medium-length scruffy hair and was clean shaven. He was wearing a short-sleeved top, black jeans and a gold signet ring on his left hand.

The second man was white, of a similar age, about 5ft 9ins or 5ft10ins tall, with a broad or fat build, short blond hair and was clean shaven. He was wearing black jeans.

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Drugs arrest

FARINGDON: A Faringdon woman was arrested by police last weekend on suspicion of drug offences.

The 33-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of possession of a class-A controlled substance and was released on police bail until November 3.

Last Saturday's arrest took place after officers carried out a Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act warrant at a property in The Lees, Faringdon.

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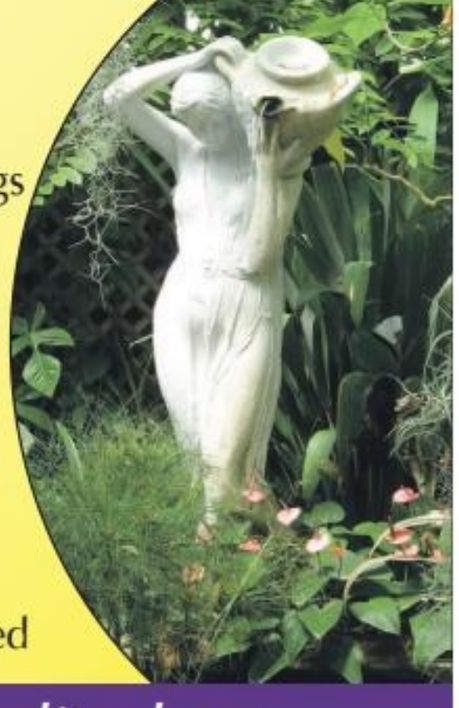
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Labour members in call for unity after Corbyn election win

By **Dominic Thomas**

OXFORD Labour members are calling for unity after leader Jeremy Corbyn was elected for a second time at the weekend.

Mr Corbyn gained a landslide majority in the result announced at Labour's conference in Liverpool on Saturday, increasing his mandate with 61.8 per cent of the vote, to fellow contender Owen Smith's 38.2 per cent, out of 506,438 votes.

The contest was called in June after 170 of Mr Corbyn's own MPs had backed for a vote of no confidence in him.

Speaking after his victory, Mr Corbyn said: "I am honoured to have won the votes of a majority of members, of affiliated supporters and of registered supporters, who have given me the second mandate in a year to lead our party."

In a message to MPs who had come out in opposition of him, he said: "As far as I'm concerned, the slate is wiped clean from today.

"Let us work together for real change in Britain."

Oxford East MP Andrew Smith, who was one of the MPs who had backed rival Mr Smith and called for Mr Corbyn to stand down, said: "Jeremy Corbyn has been re-elected Labour leader with a big mandate from Labour members.

"It is crucial now to re-build unity in the Party, with the leadership reaching out to those MPs who have had concerns, and with MPs and the wider membership working hard to develop the right policies and effective campaigning to ensure not only that we are an effective party of opposition, but offer a credible alternative government.

"We need to show how Labour can offer Britain a better and fairer future on key issues like the economy, health, housing, training and the environment, as well as securing a close and constructive relationship with the EU after Brexit."

Meanwhile, Witney constituency hopeful Duncan Enright has also called for unity within the Labour Party against the Tories.

He said: "I think it's really good to have any opportunity to congratulate Jeremy Corbyn on an excellent result, and also Owen Smith too, who put forward some brilliant arguments.

"What we need to do now is to turn our fire on the Conservative Government and have a united and energised response to what is happening and work to stop the damage they are causing.

"It's been a mixed blessing because it has energised a whole generation of people in areas all over the country, including mine, but while doing so you are not engaged with the wider community, so that is our challenge now to get out there and do that."

News Bites

Chimney blaze

MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD: People are being urged to get chimneys swept ahead of winter months following a fire at a home in Milton-under-Wychwood.

A fire crew from Chipping Norton extinguished the blaze at 11pm on Saturday.

Drug charges

SHRIVENHAM: A man has been charged after being arrested on suspicion of drug offences in Faringdon and Shrivenham.

The 45-year-old man, from Shrivenham, faces three charges relating to the production and possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

He was bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates court on November 1.

Man stabbed

HEADINGTON: A man was stabbed in the back of the head with a Stanley knife on Barton estate last week.

The 42-year-old was in an alleyway near a play area in Waynflete Road when he was approached from behind and pushed into a fence at 10am on Thursday.

His attacker stabbed him in the back of the head and stole cash before fleeing the scene. The victim sustained minor injuries and did not require hospital treatment.

The offender is white, 5ft 9ins tall, in his 30s, of stocky build with brown eyes. He wore a hood over his head, a scarf over his face and had a gold Adidas logo on his top.

Police believe people waiting for a number 8 bus might have witnessed the incident.

Call 101 with information.

• *MP Andrew Smith (right) with Jeremy Corbyn on his visit to Oxford in April*

Man denies role in Tesco accounts scam

AN OXFORDSHIRE man has appeared in court to deny his part in an alleged major accounting scam, in which Tesco's accounts were overstated by £263 million.

Carl Rogberg, 49, of Church Farm, Chiselhampton, appeared at Westminster Magistrates Court on Thursday.

Rogberg, the company's former finance director, along with fellow Tesco directors John Scouler and Christopher Bush, denied the charges against them.

He was charged jointly with the other two men of two charges of fraud and theft. The charges alleged that between January and September 2014 the men committed fraud by "dishonesty abusing" their positions "intending thereby to cause loss" to the company and its shareholders.

They were also accused of falsifying the digital accounts of Tesco Stores Ltd and Tesco PLC to give a "false account of the commercial income, made or acquired for accounting purposes", contrary to the Theft Act 1968.

The men denied all charges at the magistrates court and were sent for trial at Southwark Crown Court. They were granted unconditional bail to appear there on October 20.

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Trial aims to aid cancer treatment

By **George Welch**

• *Professor Timothy Maughan*

AN OXFORD professor is spearheading a £3.6million world-first clinical trial that could revolutionise the treatment received by bowel cancer patients.

The trial, called FOCUS4 and partly funded by Stand Up To Cancer, is being led by Professor Timothy Maughan, clinical oncologist and clinical director of the CRUK/MRC Oxford Institute for Radiation Oncology.

The trial – the first of its size and design to run in the UK – is testing treatments targeted to specific genetic mistakes present in the tumours of advanced bowel cancer patients.

Prof Maughan said: "Using this new trial design is a complete paradigm shift in the way we are thinking about treating advanced bowel cancer.

"FOCUS4 is a completely new approach to cancer clinical trials. Rather than focusing on one drug, we're looking at different drugs to find the best treatments for each patient based on the characteristics of their cancer. It's personalised medicine in action."

The trial has been made possible thanks to funding from Stand Up To Cancer – a joint campaign by Cancer Research UK and Channel 4 – and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

Prof Maughan added: "It could also give us the opportunity to move things forward quite rapidly from new observations in the laboratory to patients being treated in the hospital on a clinical trial."

The trial aims to improve treatment for advanced bowel cancer and help more people survive the disease.

It is being carried out at Oxford's Churchill Hospital, along with 90 other hospitals in the UK, and looking to recruit people with bowel cancer to take part.

Cancer Research UK spokesman for Oxfordshire, Jenny Makin, said: "Every day around 130 people are diagnosed with cancer in the South East.

"The time to act is now. We're on the brink of a revolution in cancer research - thanks to new treatments, screening and earlier diagnosis, more people are surviving the disease than ever before.

"But we can't afford to stand still. Research is our most powerful weapon against this terrible disease."

Bus event highlights difficulties encountered by blind travellers

BLIND and partially-sighted people swapped places with bus drivers in Oxford last week to demonstrate the difficulties they face when travelling on buses.

They joined staff from Oxford Bus Company at the event at their depot in the city on Wednesday last week to mark better commitments from bus companies towards blind and partially-sighted passengers.

The drivers wore 'sim specs', which simulate different eye conditions, and took part in exercises such as trying to board a bus and paying for a ticket.

The event, which was run by RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People), Oxfordshire Association for the Blind (OAB) and the bus company, marked Oxford Bus Company signing up to RNIB's Bus Charter, which outlines commitments the business will make to ensure blind and partially-sighted passengers receive the best service possible.

Terri Dowty, RNIB regional campaigns officer for the south east, said efficient bus travel was "a lifeline" to blind and partially-sighted people in and around Oxford, who relied on buses to get around.

National Eye Health Week ran from Monday last week to Sunday, aiming to improve the nation's eye health.

• *Terri Dowty, RNIB regional campaigns officer south east, and Phil Southall, managing director of Oxford Bus Company, holding RNIB's Bus Charter, with staff from RNIB, Oxford Bus Company, and local blind and partially-sighted campaigners and volunteers*

News Bites

Officer sacked

OXON: An Oxfordshire police officer has been dismissed after being convicted of an assault.

PC Ben Howes was sacked last Thursday without notice following a misconduct hearing chaired by Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Francis Habgood.

On August 15, Howes was found guilty of one count of assault by beating at Basingstoke Magistrates Court. The offence took place on May 17, 2015, when he was off-duty.

Howes was given a community order, a restraining order was made to protect his victim and he was ordered to pay costs and a victim surcharge.

Deputy Chief Constable John Campbell said: "He [Howes] had been found guilty of a crime and, given the circumstances, it is unacceptable for him to continue to serve with the force."

A34 meeting

CHILTON: The second meeting of the A34 Action Group is taking place on Monday.

The group was set up last month to discuss ways of improving safety on the A34 following a number of fatal collisions on the road in recent months.

The meeting is being held at Chilton Village Hall from 8pm.

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Police appeal after linking three assaults

THREE young women have been assaulted in separate attacks in Thame dating back to August.

Police linked the attacks after the women, aged 19 and 20, were approached by men.

The first incident took place on August 21 between about 2.30am and 2.45am.

A 19 year-old woman, who had been out with friends in Thame, was walking home along Phoenix Trail when she was punched in her left eye.

The assault caused bruising and swelling underneath the victim's left eye.

The second attack took place on August 22 at about 9.10pm when two men attacked a 20-year-old women who was walking along Gas Alley, which links East Street and Wellington Street.

After one of the men had punched the women in the eye, the men ran from the alley in the direction of Wellington Street.

The third incident took place on September 15 between about 9pm and 9.20pm.

A 19-year-old woman, who was walking along an alleyway off Elms Road with her four-month-old child in a pushchair, was grabbed from behind and pushed up against a wall by a man, whilst a second man grabbed her pushchair.

Half marathon tackled to boost Skye appeal funds

By **Dominic Thomas**

AN OXFORD events manager is taking on her second marathon challenge in aid of the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year, Blue Skye Thinking.

Katie Webster, 36, is running the Oxford Half Marathon next month for the charity set up in aid of Abingdon boy Skye Hall.

The charity's Aim Skye High appeal is encouraging people to think of new and different fundraising ideas, as it works towards its target of £50,000 for cancer research.

• Katie Webster

Katie is a friend of Skye's parents Sally and Andrew Hall, who set up the charity after the death of their son.

She said: "I know Sally and Andrew personally through work colleagues of mine and became a supporter of the charity a few years ago when Skye first became ill.

"I have previously raised almost £500 from running the Brighton Marathon for them last April and decided to take on a challenge a little closer to home.

"This is the first time I've run this half marathon but I am determined to finish it in good time to honour Skye's memory."

She would welcome others looking to find a charity for the event to run with her, adding: "If you are still looking, I urge you to take a look at the wonderful work this small one does and what a difference your support could make to them."

Blue Skye Thinking was set up in memory of Skye Hall, who died in 2014 from side-effects of his treatment for Medulloblastoma, an aggressive and cancerous brain tumour.

The Aim Skye High appeal will fund a three-year Post Doctoral research position at the renowned Northern Institute for Cancer Research.

Just over one per cent of cancer funding goes towards research into brain tumours, the number-one cancer killer in children and teenagers. It is the cancer responsible for most life years lost compared with any other, and cure rates have not improved in 40 years.

Skye's mum Sally Hall, founder of Blue Skye Thinking, said: "We'd love to have a big group of Blue Skye Thinking runners pounding the pavements of Oxford on October 9, so if you have already signed up and would like to help us raise awareness by running in our vest or make yours a fundraising run by asking people to sponsor you for the charity then please do get in touch."

To support Katie, go to: justgiving.com/fundraising/Katie-Webster12.

Tributes paid to councillor

TRIBUTES have been paid to West Oxfordshire district councillor Warwick Robinson, who died last week after a long battle with cancer.

The 70-year-old fulfilled many roles with the council, most notably serving as a cabinet member for eight years, with responsibilities including planning, housing and economic development.

Cllr Robinson, who was first elected to the council in 2000, died overnight between Thursday and Friday.

Council leader James Mills, who was deeply saddened by the news, said: "Warwick worked tirelessly on behalf of local residents from 2000 until his passing, both as a member of the district council for Hailey, Minster Lovell and Leafield, and also serving on our cabinet.

"He was a respected and committed member of the council and he made an enormous contribution to the development of West Oxfordshire.

"He was a supportive friend and colleague and his planning knowledge and experience will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and condolences are with his wife, Anne, and their family at this very sad time."

In his spare time, Cllr Robinson had a passion for classic cars and tennis, and was an active member of Witney Round Table and 41 Club.

The flag at the council's Woodgreen office will be flown at half-mast on the day of his funeral.

• District councillor Warwick Robinson

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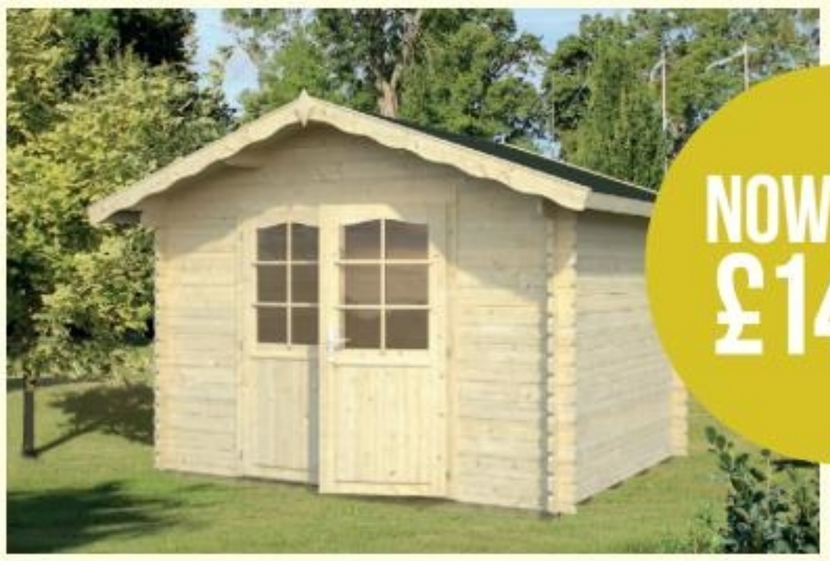

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Transformers take over city centre

By **Dominic Thomas**

FILM fans across the county got excited this week as it was revealed Oxford is to feature in the new Transformers movie.

Filming for Transformers 5: The Last Knight was carried out in and around the city's Radcliffe Square over the weekend.

Road closures were put in place in High Street, Catte Street, Broad Street, Parks Road and Holywell Street from 6am to 8pm from Friday and Sunday.

The film, which features Anthony Hopkins, has drawn controversy after using Blenheim Palace in Woodstock as a Nazi headquarters, draping Winston Churchill's birthplace in flags with giant swastikas.

The announcement of the filming on Thursday was met with excitement from fans of the film franchise on social media.

On Twitter, one of them, Mairead Forlan, wrote: "So Transformers is being filmed in Oxford over the weekend... do you know how exciting this is?!?!?"

IT worker Gareth Edwards also tweeted to say: "All IT work at Oxford has stopped because everyone's on the IT mailing list, being excited about Transformers filming in town tomorrow."

Meanwhile blogger @Realitdaddy tweeted: "So, uh, they're filming Transformers here (Oxford). I bet they make Optimus Prime use the Park and Ride..."

The highly successful blockbuster franchise is the latest in a long line to use Radcliffe Square for filming, with long-standing television detective series Endeavour still being filmed there.

The Transformer films are the fourth highest grossing franchise after Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean, having taken over $3.7 billion at the box office.

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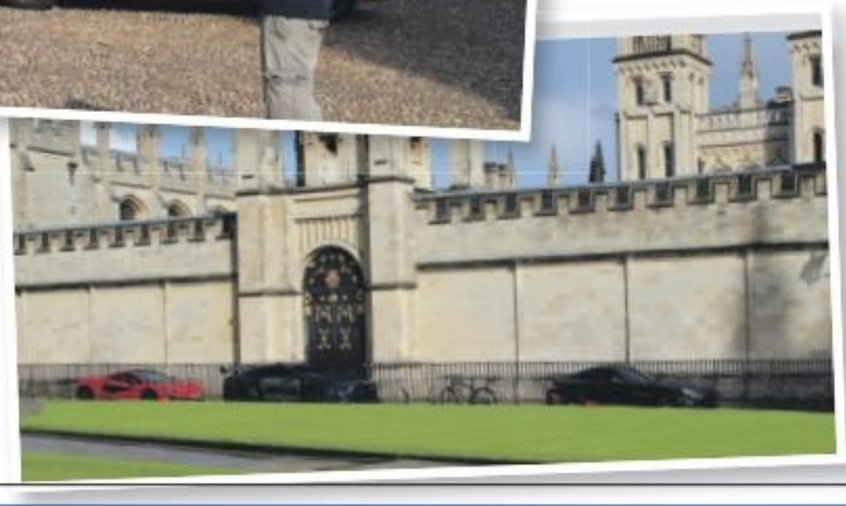

• The filming for the Transformers movie in High Street and Radcliffe Square over the weekend

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Hundreds of fish rescued in blaze at town pet shop

A PET store at a Bicester shopping centre has been closed after a "serious fire".

Hundreds of tropical and freshwater fish had to be evacuated from the World of Water shop and stored in makeshift tanks.

Afterwards, hoarding was put up around the shop in Bicester Avenue, off Oxford Road.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service said an investigation into the cause of the blaze was ongoing, but it was believed to be accidental.

Fire crews were called to the store at 10.27pm on Thursday.

Six fire appliances from Bicester, Kidlington, Rewley Road (Oxford), Brill (Buckinghamshire) and Eynsham attended the scene.

The firefighters were faced with a "serious fire" at the rear of the premises, which forms part of row of shops.

Eight of the firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the building and used high-pressure hose reels and main jets to put out the fire.

By **Samantha McGregor**

They also had to force entry to adjoining shops in order to prevent the fire spreading.

Once the fire was out, the firefighters used fans to clear smoke from the building and, alongside staff, helped to evacuate the fish.

Incident commander Pete Mackay, of Bicester Fire Station, said: "Site staff were alerted to this fire by the fire alarm system and on our arrival we were faced with a serious fire.

"Our priority was to immediately limit the damage and to protect the fish and other animals in the units.

"Crews have worked extremely hard to contain this fire, and the fact that such a severe fire was limited to the one store demonstrates the importance of businesses having fire plans, maintaining clear walkways and fire precautions including the means to detect and alert the fire and rescue service to fires."

Posting on social media site Facebook, Katie Bannock, who said she worked at the store, said: "We are absolutely devastated! We rescued a lot of them and they have been rehoused at other stores.

"I have personally rehoused some of the display fish in my own tanks at home."

• Hoarding was put up around World of Water following the fire

News Bites

Business contest

OXON: Young entrepreneurs aged under 30 who have a business idea they want to develop can enter a competition being run in Thame.

Organised as part of Small Business Saturday, individuals and teams of up to three people can take part in the event. The first prize is £500 cash plus business mentoring and two runners-up will get free business advice.

Entries should be made by Friday, November 4. The winners will be announced on Saturday, December 3.

For more information, go to thamecentrefirst.org.

Grants on offer

OXON: Groups and organisations are being urged to apply for a grant of up to £2,000 for projects that will improve people's lives by improving their environment.

Run by bakery chain Greggs, there are just days left to apply for the latest batch of funding.

For information view: greggs-foundation.org or call 01912 127626.

Scrap warning

N OXON: Residents are being urged to check scrap metal dealers they use have a licence.

Cherwell District Council is warning the householders that they could face a £1,000 fine if scrap they handed over to a dealer is later found illegally dumped and traced back to them.

Author visits new library

AWARD-WINNING writer R.J. Ellory returned to his former school to help celebrate a new £3 million library aimed at inspiring future generations.

The library - three times the size of the previous building - was completed earlier this year and officially opened in July by Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust founder, Baroness Cox.

And, last week, the thriller writer and former pupil Mr Ellory visited the school at Kingham, near Chipping Norton, to see the library being used.

He talked to pupils about his time at the school, his career and how several historical icons and his grandmother had inspired him to become an author.

Headmaster Nick Seward said: "Since opening our new library it has become the academic heart of the school. I am so proud to see our pupils grasping the opportunities to learn inside and outside of school with both hands.

"This is something we wholeheartedly encourage as reading allows children to explore and learn from the world around them every time they pick up a book."

The new library building was designed by Kingham Hill School alumni, Mark Foley, now an architect at Burrell Foley Fischer.

It is the latest new development at the school which opened Veritas, a maths, science and geography building, in January 2015.

Next in line is a new sports hall complex which is being planned as part of the school's 15-year vision.

• Writer R.J. Ellory visited Kingham School to celebrate its new £3m library and talk to pupils

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'Urgent call' on mental health

By **George Welch**

UNIVERSITIES are struggling to cope with rising demand for mental health services for students, according to an Oxford-based think-tank report.

The report by the Higher Education Policy Institute, called 'The invisible problem? Improving students' mental health' which was published last Thursday, said some universities needed to treble how much they spent on support in order to suitably help their students.

The study, which suggested that one in 10 students had a "diagnosable mental illness", said that although many universities had effective support services, demand was not being met in full and that funding was limited, causing many students to "slip through the gaps".

Students were less happy and more anxious than the general population, including other young people, and a minority suffered from serious mental disorders, it said.

The report called for more support for students with problems such as depression, anxiety and loneliness, warning that the number of student suicides had risen.

The author of the analysis, Poppy Brown, a third-year undergraduate studying Psychology and Philosophy at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, said students with severe mental illnesses lacked continuity of care between home and university and waiting lists for specialist services were too long.

Proposals to help vulnerable students include allowing pupils to be simultaneously registered with a GP both at home and at university and to encourage universities spending the least to increase their funding for support networks at least three-fold.

The report suggests that universities should provide training on mental health policy and awareness for all staff.

More funding for mental health research nationally was required, it said. Three-quarters of those with a mental illness first had symptoms before their mid-20s and the peak onset between the ages of 18 and 25.

As a foreword to the report, Norman Lamb, Liberal Democrat MP and a former care minister, said: "I welcome this report and its important recommendations, which should be treated as an urgent call to action by policy makers."

• Oxford University

Care workers take the plunge to raise funds for their homes

A GROUP of daring care workers strapped on parachutes and plummeted 13,000 feet to the ground, raising almost £5,000 for projects and initiatives at homes in Oxfordshire.

The 10 employees of The Order of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) took part in the sponsored skydive at Hinton Skydiving Centre, near Brackley, on September 10, amassing a total of £4,952 in sponsorship.

One of the thrill-seekers, Angela Lindsay, who is activities co-ordinator at the Longlands home in Oxford, was raising funds for a minibus for the home.

She said: "The feeling of free-falling from that height and then gliding back down to the ground was one of the most exhilarating things I've ever done.

"But, more importantly, we raised quite a bit towards a minibus for Longlands — which makes the whole experience even more exciting.

"And a big thank you goes out to everyone that kindly donated. Everyone at the home, from residents to employees, appreciates your kindness and generosity."

Workers from Stirlings in Wantage; Townsend House in Oxford; and OSJCT's Operations Centre in Witney also took part in the jump, raising funds for other projects.

Anyone interested in donating to the homes can email l.thomas@osjct.co.uk.

• Donna Shirley, Angela Lindsey, Marshal Martin, Luciano Thomas and Cristina Pashmi

• Lisa Khan, Louise Axtell , Paula Taylor, Maggie Coleman and Jamie Eyers

News Bites

Roller-derby day

OXFORD: Roller-derby team Oxford Wheels of Gory Roller Derby is staging a taster day for anyone interested in the sport.

Roller derby is a contact sport played by two five-strong teams skating in the same direction around a track, with the aim of scoring points by passing the opposition.

Anyone aged 18 and over can attend between 3pm and 5pm, on October 2 at The Park Sports Centre, Wheatley.

For more information visit facebook.com/OWGRD.

Reminder issued

S OXON: Householders in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse are being reminded to fill out letters asking them to confirm who lives at their address.

About 64 per cent of homes (75,000 people) have already responded to the letters, but 43,000 homes still need to confirm their details.

The councils need the information for the electoral register.

Flag flown

OXFORD: Oxford City Council flew a Bi Pride Flag at the Town Hall for the first time on Friday to mark Bi-visibility Day celebrating bisexuality and raise awareness of discrimination.

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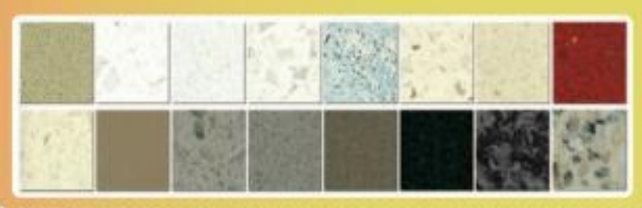

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Opinion sought

OXFORD: Oxfordshire County Council is consulting the public on proposed changes to Traffic Regulation Orders in Queen Street, Oxford.

Under the proposals, buses would stop using Queen Street and be relocated nearby while cyclists, for an initial 18-month trial period, would be able to use the street all day.

The consultation will run until October 14.

Usage increases

OXFORD: More cyclists are using The Plain roundabout following the creation of a new feeder lane and other changes, according to Oxfordshire County Council.

It was used 11,500 times in the 12-hour period between 7am and 7pm, this year - up from 10,800 times in 2013.

The £1.35m scheme was completed in May 2015.

Dementia funds

OXFORD: Oxford University scientists have been given funding to carry out research into beating dementia.

The university is the first to be given awards by the charity Alzheimer's Research UK.

One of the awards will fund a trial to see if taking aspirin and omega-3 oils can improve memory and thinking skills.

Peace pilgrim completes trek

By **Dominic Thomas**

A VETERAN peace pilgrim has completed his 50-mile trek along the River Thames from London to Oxford.

Satish Kumar, 80, who once walked 8,000 miles from India to the United States for world peace during the Cold War, visited the city to mark the start of a festival at Worcester College last weekend.

The 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' event marked 50 years of Resurgence, an ecological magazine of which Mr Kumar was editor for 43 years, with more than 50 international speakers. His arrival on Wednesday also marked the International Day of Peace.

• Satish Kumar leads a prayer outside Oxfam after finishing his walk

Mr Kumar said: "It is very fitting that we finish our pilgrimage on the International Day of Peace.

"Peace is not just about avoiding war, it's a way of life, inviting us to look after ourselves, each other, and the earth we live on.

"And our One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival this weekend will explore how we can all play our part in building a more peaceful world in this way."

Mr Kumar ended his walk, along with more than 40 others who had joined him, at Broad Street's Oxfam shop - Oxfam had linked up with Resurgence to stage the festival.

During their pilgrimage, Kumar and his fellow walkers observed a short ritual to acknowledge the importance of mature and the environment.

He said: "We walkers would like to send a message that we must all remember to respect and protect the four symbolic elements of earth, air, fire and water on which life depends.

"Technology, science, politics and economics – however important, these are really all the icing on the cake. The cake itself is the four natural elements. What good is the icing if we have no cake?"

Leading figures from the world's green and social justice movements, from CEO of Greenpeace, John Sauven and Green MP Caroline Lucas to Michael Morpurgo and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, spoke at the event between Thursday and Sunday last week.

Engineers lay final section of track to complete link

• Oxford Parkway (picture by Andrew Bodman)

NETWORK Rail engineers have finished laying new track to connect Oxford city centre with London Marylebone, ahead of Chiltern Railways launching a new service.

The £320 million project was conceived in 2002 and the first section of the route opened from Oxford Parkway, near Kidlington, in October 2015.

The final sections of track were installed at Peartree and Wolvercote, and Chiltern services from Oxford railway station are set to launch on December 12.

The engineers have transformed the former 20 to 40mph branch line between Oxford and Bicester into a 100mph main line. Once open, two trains per hour will run from Oxford station to London Marylebone with journey times of about an hour, providing an alternative to the Oxford-to-Paddington service to London.

Dave Penney, Chiltern's managing director, said: "The new rail line will bring significant social, economic and environmental benefits to those living and working along the route and will be the completion of first new rail link between a major British city and London for over 100 years."

Martin Frobisher, London North Western route managing director for Network Rail, said: "This landmark will offer a great new travel option not just for business and leisure passengers in Oxford going to London but also for those in London heading to Oxford.

"It will bring economic benefits to the Oxford region and with it new opportunities for people living there."

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Food festival is hailed 'best yet'

By **Samantha McGregor**

THAME'S annual food festival has been hailed as the "best yet", with the event attracting thousands of visitors.

The town centre was closed on Saturday as Thame Food Festival got underway.

Organisers said more than 25,000 people turned out for the event.

Among the stars of the day was las year's The Great British Bake Off TV show winner Nadiya Hussain, who demonstrated her culinary skills on the 'Baking Stage' and signed copies of her new book.

Top chef Raymond Blanc was also signing copies of his new yet-to-be-released book 'Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons – The Story of a Modern Classic'.

Across the town centre, there were hundreds of food stalls, wine tasting and music.

Local businesses joined in the fun, including The James Figg pub, which transformed its garden into the Hendrick's Rose Garden complete with rose arches, Chesterfield sofas and a big outside bar decked in roses.

Visitors were given a lesson in gin and learned how to combine the spirit with a range of botanicals.

Festival patron Lotte Duncan said it had been a "fabulous day".

She said: "The sun shone, the town filled with foodies - over 25,000 of them - and everyone left with full tummies, overflowing shopping bags and big smiles.

"It was a day to remember. We had baking, celebrity chefs and bakers, over 200 artisan food stalls, wine tastings, pop-up pub, music and laughter - lots of laughter.

"There wasn't one best bit - the whole festival was one big best bit.

"This was the biggest Thame Food Festival ever and definitely the most successful.

"It cost £80,000, one year to organise and we know everyone enjoyed themselves."

Other chefs who took part in the day included Howard Middleton, who returned to the festival for a second year and demonstrated gluten-free baking.

Three former Bake Off contestants - Miranda Gore Browne, who now runs a cookery school, Luis Troyano and Chetna Makan - also took to the stage to show off their cooking skills.

Thame Food Festival was launched in 2008 to promote and celebrate all things food in and around the town.

• Nadiya Hussain won last year's Bake Off

News Bites

Tories retain seat

BANBURY: The Conservatives have retained control of Cherwell District Council's Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote ward.

Andrew John McHugh won with 1,015 votes and will serve on the council until May 2018.

Labour candidate Sue Christie got 286 votes, Green candidate Naomi Kanetsuka 278, and Lib Dem Ian Thomas 189.

The turnout was 24.8 per cent.

Plans opposed

THAME: Town councillors have opposed plans for extra care housing at The Elms.

Councillors agreed unanimously to oppose the plans, saying they were contrary to the Thame Neighbourhood Plan.

The town council has recommended to South Oxfordshire District Council that it refuses the plan. The district council's planning committee will make the final decision on the application.

Electoral reminder

N OXON: Reminders will be sent out shortly for anyone who has not confirmed or updated their electoral registration.

Cherwell District Council says it is required by law to issue reminders and 29,985 are set to be sent homes. Anyone who fails to respond to the reminder will get a visit from an authorised council canvasser.

Anyone who does not register to vote risks a £1,000 fine.

Keeping tower ruled out

A DEVELOPER has ruled out retaining a water tower at a former Cold War base despite a petition gaining thousands of signatures.

Sharon Keen started the online petition calling on Bovis Homes and Cherwell District Council to find an alternative to demolishing the "iconic water tower" at the former US air base at Upper Heyford, near Bicester.

So far, almost 8,400 people have signed it from across the globe.

But a spokesman for Dorchester Group, which is developing the site for homes, said: "The water tower is clearly an emotive issue, especially for former US servicemen who once lived on the base, many of whom have signed the petition.

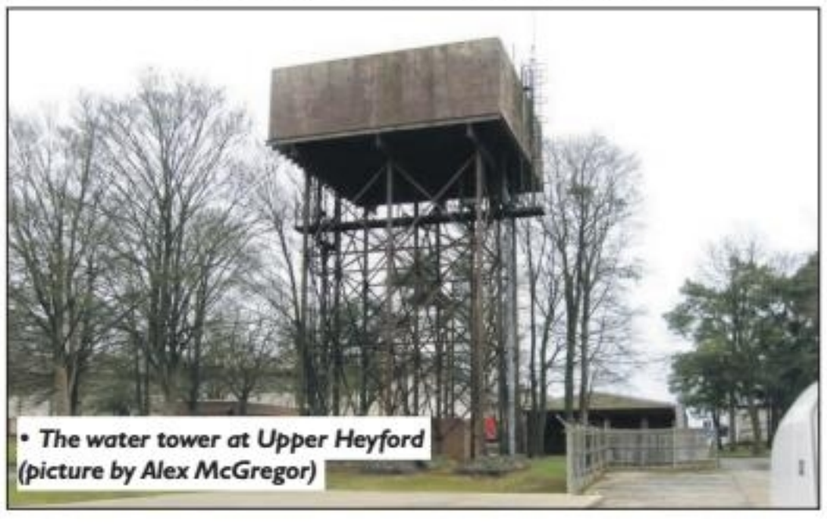
"On the flip side, it was also a landmark that, during our consultations with local community groups, many were keen to see removed.

"This is because, like the hundreds of other water towers from that era, it no longer serves a practical purpose and dominates an otherwise picturesque landscape."

The spokesman said a number of other "significant key heritage structures" had been retained and refurbished.

Planning authority Cherwell District Council said there were four water towers at the site, none of which were listed.

Planning permission for their demolition was given in 2010.



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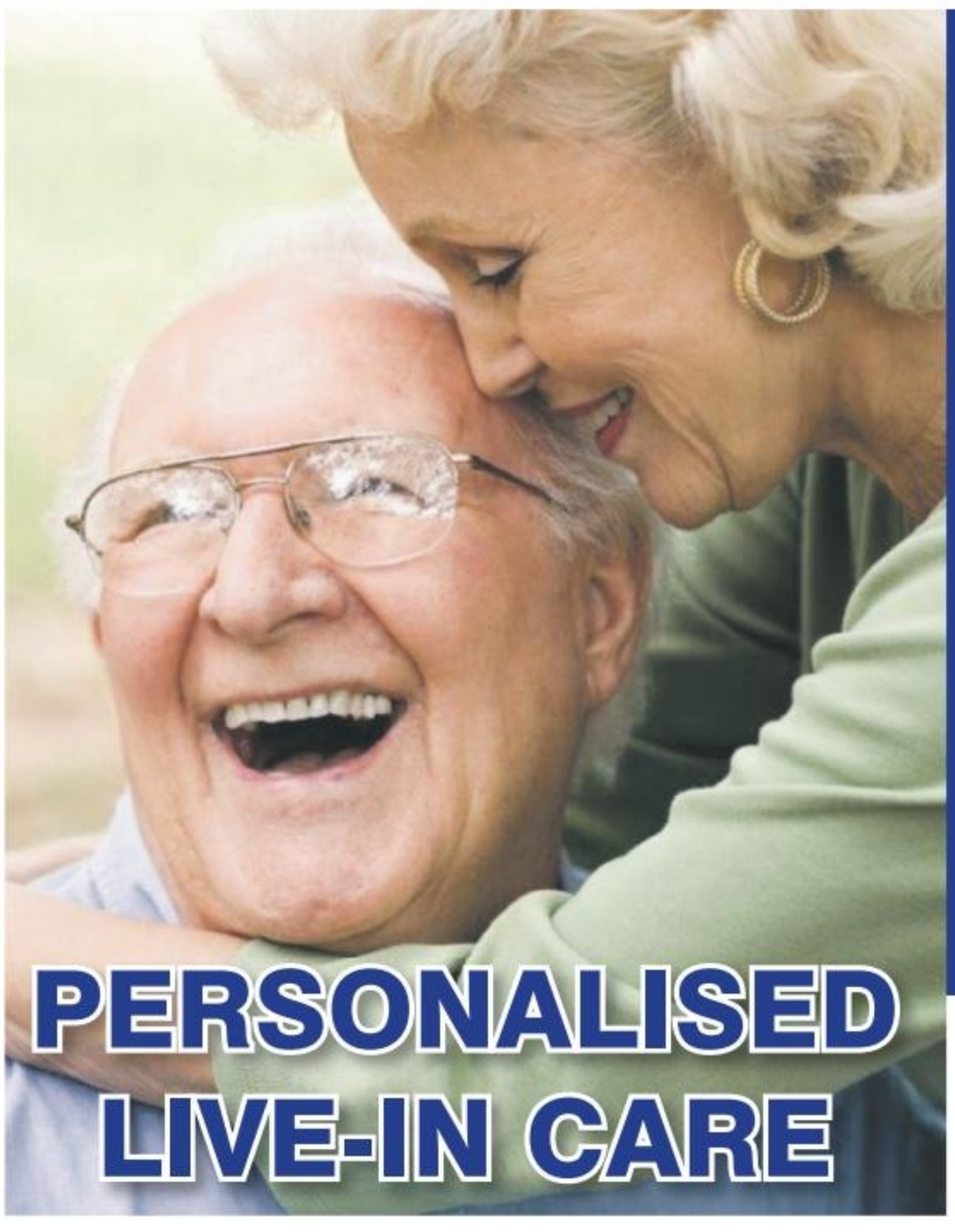

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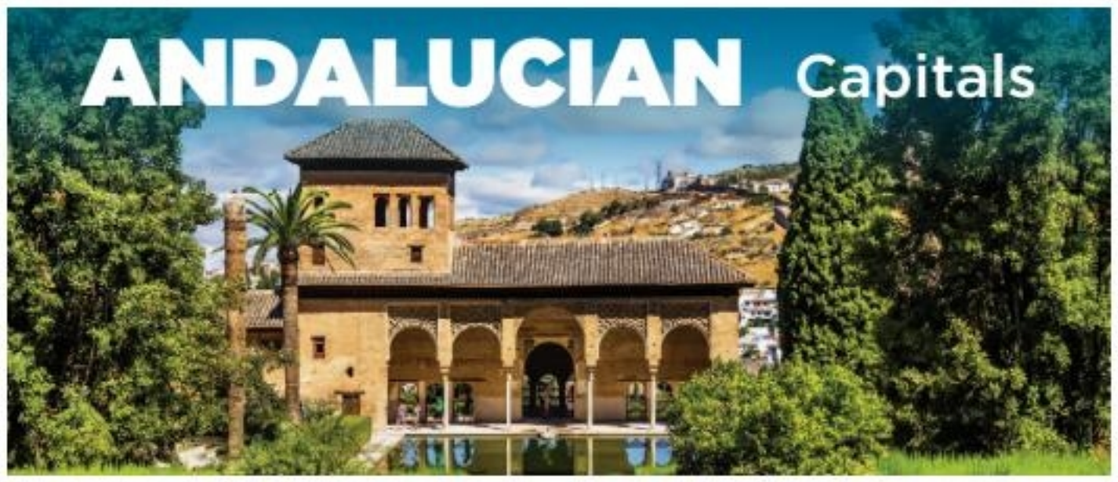

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Quick Clues Across

1 Army division (8)
4 Hurried (4)
8 Glance leisurely (6)
10 Massacre (6)
11 Attempts (5)
12 Different (5)
14 Finishes (6)
17 Era of outstanding men (6,3)
18 Pierce (9)
22 Island of the East Indies (6)
23 Perfect (5)
24 Extra large (5)
26 Drives back (6)
27 Female relative (6)
28 Dirt (4)
29 Ulcerated (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Steals (4)
2 Development (6)
3 Overcome (6)
5 Group of words (6)
6 Tame (8)
7 Book of the Old Testament (5)
9 Mistaken (9)
10 South American pigs (9)
13 Wife of Menelaus (5)
15 Semi-precious stone (5)
16 Cluttered up (8)
18 Investigates (6)
19 Breeding places (5)
20 Floating without direction (6)
21 Christian festival (6)
25 Poke (4)

Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Undressed, so hurried about the journey (8)
4 Part of Burma, Siam and more (4)
8 Eastern Europe elegance? (6)
10 Sounds as if the enemy intended to incite rebellion (6)
11 Act it wrong - it's not spoken aloud (5)
12 Discount illusions. up to the time when hidden (5)
14 Was the giraffe designed for love-play? (6)
17 Sporting dances that should go with a swing? (4,5)
18 Raging of the elements? (6,3)
22 Pet's out of bed - what a sauce! (6)
23 Shirked less quietly - that was annoying (5)
24 Ruby, for example, whose throw is not far (5)
26 Number nearly needing water (6)
27 Making no mess - dwarfs are hiding there (6)
28 Reversible action (4)
29 Takes shelter after return of war with untanned skins (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Slips and loses fifty drinks (4)
2 Deciding to draw the line (6)
3 Part of a flower I split in pieces (6)
5 Pieces of meat used in gambling, we hear (6)
6 Remedy for love-sickness? (8)
7 Where one is accommodated inside a shot elephant (5)
9 Pessimist's view of a pint in a quart pot? (4-5)
10 Supplying money - can broken in imposing penalty (9)
13 They are wrong in law, but right in little children (5)
15 What Chinese frogs do? Hide (5)
16 Pate clad absurdly - pacified (8)
18 Wear at wear out (6)
19 Forces out, found in what Proust said (5)
20 Sudden twist - wench is about right (6)
21 Dreamed of losing head, enlarged the bore (6)
25 Requests casks, less a hundred (4)

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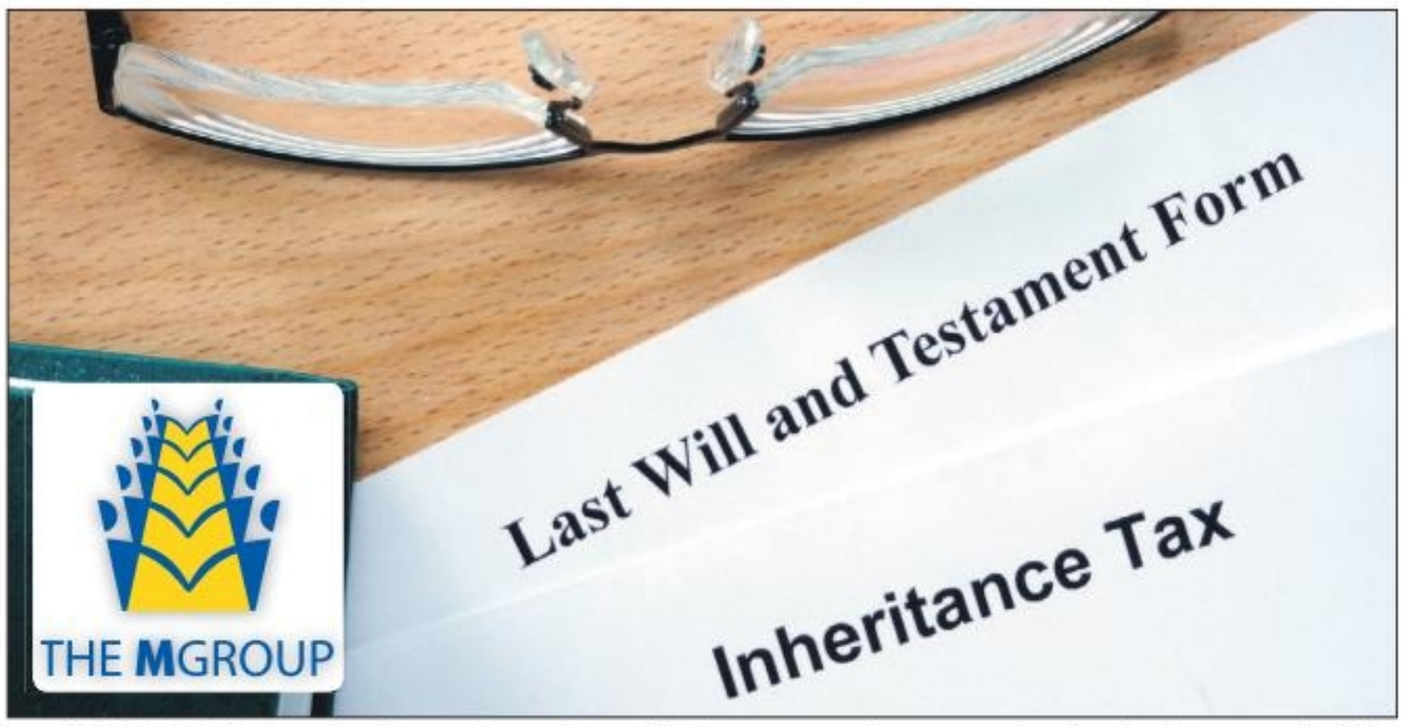
Inheritance Tax - The Additional Nil-rate Band



The 2017-18 tax year will see the introduction of an additional nil-rate band where a residence passes on death to a direct descendant. A direct descendant will be a child (including a step-child, adopted child or foster child) of the deceased and their lineal descendants. The additional band can only be used against one residential property and the residence must have been the main residence of the deceased at some point during their lifetime. Where more than one residential property is owned a nomination can be made as to which qualifies. However, a property will not qualify if it was never used by the deceased as a residence for example a buy-to-let.

This measure will gradually be phased in and will start at £100,000 from April 2017 and increase by £25,000 per annum until it reaches £175,000 in 2020 thereafter increasing in line with the Consumer Prices Index. In 2017 for married couples or civil partnerships the maximum that can be passed on tax-free will be £850,000 being £650,000 nil rate band and £200,000 additional nil rate band (£425,00 for single people). It is important to note that on the death of the first one of a couple their allowance is passed to the surviving spouse/partner. By the time we reach 2020 the total allowances will have reached £1m for couples and £500,000 for singles. (For singles that is the existing allowance of £325,000 plus the additional nil-rate band of £175,000).

The current position is that a couple can leave a home worth £650,000 (£325,000 for singles) without any inheritance tax being payable if that is their only asset.

Where a property is worth £2 million or more £1 of the 'main residence' allowance will be lost for every £2 above the £2 million. For example, where a property owned by a couple is worth £2,350,000 or more there will be no additional allowance. How the main residence is owned can have an impact and could result in the nil-rate band being lost. Many couples will own their main residence as joint tenants, which means when one of them dies the property passes to the surviving spouse with no inheritance tax due to the spouse exemption. The residence nil-rate band is therefore not used on the first death and the surviving spouse will inherit the full unused allowance. If the combined estate on the second death exceeds £2M then both residence nil-rate bands could be lost due to tapering.

By changing the property ownership to tenants in common each spouse can control how the property passes on death thereby potentially protecting their entitlements to the residence nil-rate band by ensuring the value of each partner's assets is below £2M.

Where the deceased had perhaps downsized or had ceased to own their home (an example might be that they had moved to a care home) on or after 8 July 2015, the allowance will remain available provided any smaller residence or assets of an equivalent value are left to a direct descendant.

It makes sense to review wills regularly so that changing circumstances and legislation can be taken into account thus ensuring no adverse impact upon the wishes of the deceased.

Where a discretionary trust has been set up under a will in order to ensure that assets are left to intended beneficiaries, parents should note that on death the trustees take legal ownership of the property, which means the residence nil-rate band will not be available as it will not be directly inherited by direct descendants.

If on the other hand the property passes to a will trust after death the residence nil-rate band will apply, provided that the beneficiary takes an interest in possession in that trust. Other trusts which will qualify for the residence nil-rate band are disabled people's trusts, bereaved minor's trusts and age 18 - 25 trusts.

The above points have been highlighted by Peter Smith, a partner at The MGroup Partnership, an efficient and friendly firm of chartered certified accountants and taxation advisors with offices in Witney and Oxford. Peter can be contacted at p.smith@theMgroup.co.uk if you would like to discuss your tax affairs or for more information please contact The MGroup on (Oxford) 01865 552925 or (Witney) 01993 776476.

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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Regiment 4 Sped 8 Browse 10 Pogrom 11 Tires 12 Other 14 Ceases 17 Heroic age 18 Penetrate 22 Borneo 23 Ideal 24 Super 26 Rebuts 27 Sister 28 Dust 29 Festered

Down: 1 Robs 2 Growth 3 Master 5 Phrase 6 Domestic 7 Hosea 9 Erroneous 10 Peccaries 13 Helen 15 Agate 16 Lumbered 18 Probes 19 Nests 20 Adrift 21 Easter 25 Prod

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Stripped 4 Asia 8 Polish 10 Foment 11 Tacit 12 Until 14 Necked 17 Golf balls 18 Atomic war 22 Catsup 23 Inked 24 Stone 26 Thirty 27 Gnomes 28 Deed 29 Rawhides

Down: 1 Sips 2 Ruling 3 Pistil 5 Steaks 6 Antidote 7 Hotel 9 Half-empty 10 Financing 13 Torts 15 Cloak 16 Placated 18 Attire 19 Ousts 20 Wrench 21 Reamed 25 Asks

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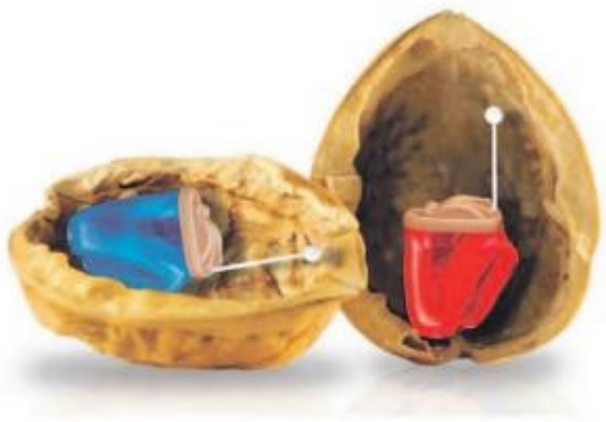

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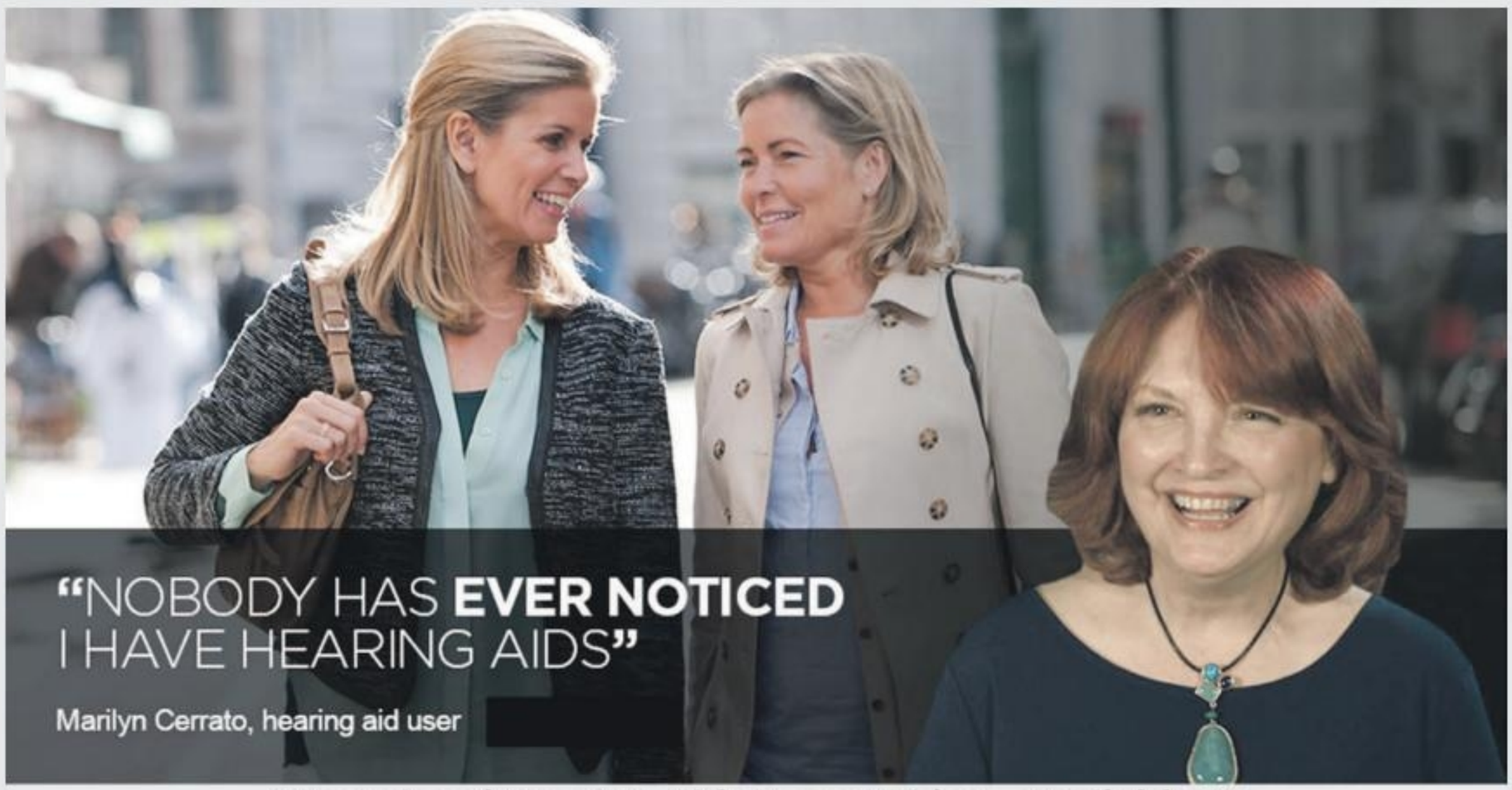

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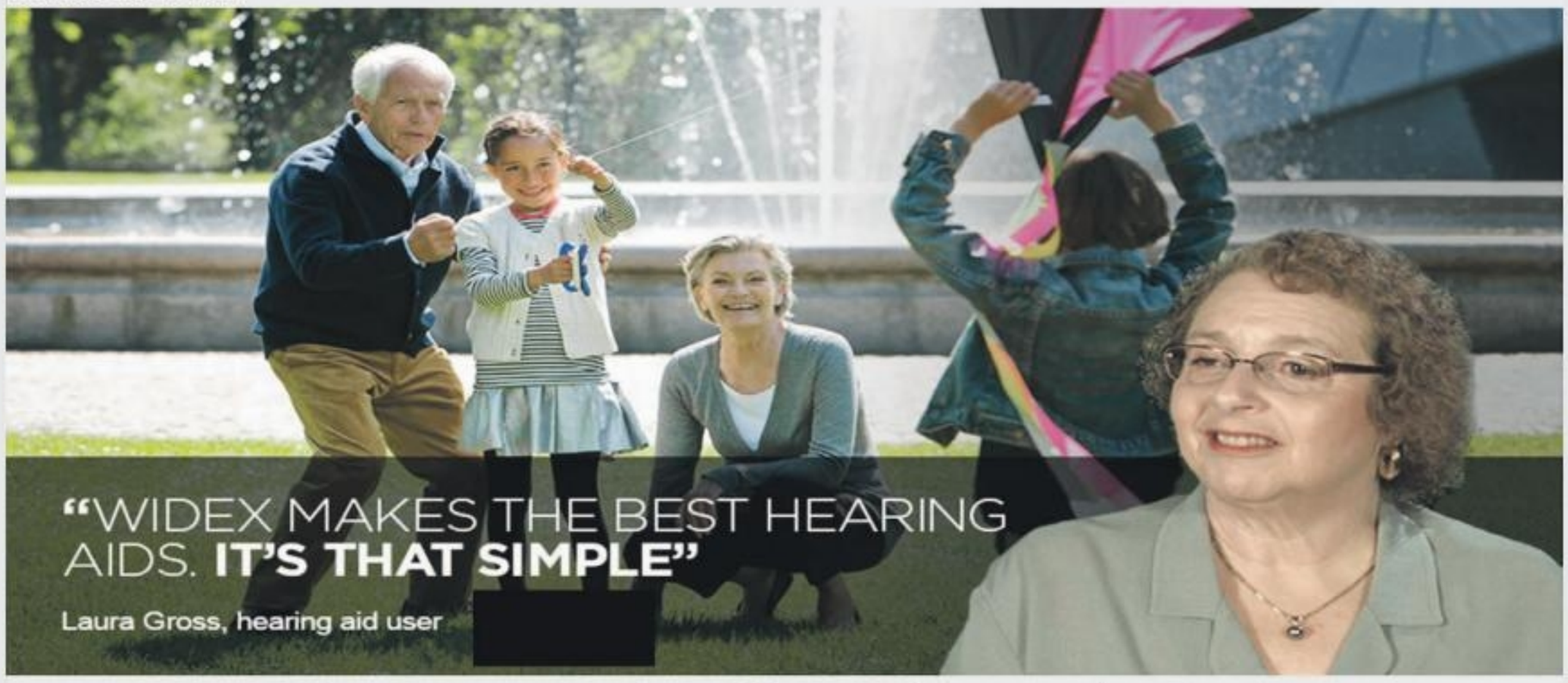

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8.25 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion Families answer questions to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion. (S)

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9.15 Casualty Lily deals with a family feud too close to home. (S)

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10.05 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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11.45 The NFL Show Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL. (S)

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12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.20** BBC News (S)

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7.40 Dad's Army (S)(R)

8.10 Betjeman & Me: Rick Stein's Story John Betjeman's love of the English seaside. (S)(R)

9.00 Railway Nation: A Journey in Verse Six poets reinvent WH Auden and Benjamin Britten's 1936 train journey across Britain. (S)

10.00 Performance Live: Kate Tempest The spoken-word artist hosts a night of poetry. (S)

11.00 Artsnight: Poets at the BBC A special edition of the cultural magazine show. (S)

12.00 Live at the Apollo (S)(R) **12.30** Golf: The Ryder Cup (S) **2.00** FILM **The Walker (2007) (15)** Drama, starring Woody Harrelson. (S) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.30 River Monsters** (S)(R) **1.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **3.00 The X Factor** (S)(R) **5.00 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 You've Been Framed!** Comical clips, narrated by Harry Hill. (S)(R)

7.00 Go for It Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The judges' houses stage begins. (S)

9.30 Newzoids Satirical puppet sketch show. (S)

10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show The Legend of Tarzan star Alexander Skarsgard, and The Girl on the Train's Emily Blunt and Luke Evans join Jonathan in the studio. (S)

11.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.25 FILM **Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG)** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.25 The Grid (S) **6.55 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **8.05 The Morning Line** (S) **9.00 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **11.30 Murray Walker Meets Jenson Button** (S)(R) **12.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.00 Gok's Fill Your House for Free** (S) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.30 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Replay** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud follows Matt and Sophie White from Sussex as they build a giant family house of fun. (S)(R)

8.00 Walking Through Time The remains of five mammoths found in a quarry in Shropshire in 1986. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy words and numbers quiz. (S)

10.00 FILM **Transcendence (2014) (12)** Premiere. Sci-fi drama, with Johnny Depp and Rebecca Hall. (S)

12.15 FILM **How I Live Now (2013) (15)** Apocalyptic thriller, starring Saoirse Ronan. (S) **2.00** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **4.20** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.15** Countdown (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **9.00 The Saturday Show Live** Topical show looking at the week's headlines. Last in the series. (S) **11.05 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.00 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.05 NCIS** A murder is linked to the break-up of Gibbs's team. (S)(R)

7.00 NCIS A lieutenant's wife is found murdered. (S)(R)
7.55 NCIS: New Orleans (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Birmingham City v Blackburn Rovers. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.25 Gotham Crime thriller based on characters from the Batman comics. (S)(R)

11.25 Gotham Gordon is on the hunt for two child snatchers. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Aircrash: Terror at Take-Off (S)(R) **4.00** Secrets of the SAS: In Their Own Words (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.20** The X Factor **1.20** The Xtra Factor Live **2.20** Ninja Warrior UK **3.25** FILM: The Bachelor (1999) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Chris O'Donnell and Renee Zellweger. **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30** FILM: The Bachelor (1999) (12) Concluded. **5.20** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson. **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Concluded. **7.15** FILM: Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** FILM: Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12) Concluded. **9.30** The Xtra Factor Live **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** The Cleveland Show **2.25** Mom **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Where the Heart Is **8.05** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.20** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams. **10.20** FYI Daily **10.25** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) Concluded. **11.25** FILM: Les Miserables (1978) (PG) Period drama, starring Richard Jordan. **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40** FILM: Les Miserables (1978) (PG) Concluded. **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** You're Only Young Twice **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America **8.00** Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth. David Hayman meets some of the men who served on Royal Navy battlecruiser HMS Hood protecting the vital north Atlantic convoys during the Second World War. **9.00** Beck. An ex-policeman is found murdered in his house, along with his wife and child, leading Beck and the team to some startling discoveries. In Swedish. **10.30** Do We Really Need the Moon? **11.30** Horizon Special: Beyond the Moon **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.20** Do We Really Need the Moon? **3.20** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Mindy Project **6.20** Rude(ish) Tube **7.05** Animals Unleashed **7.30** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **10.05** How I Met Your Mother **11.00** Melissa & Joey **12.00** Baby Daddy **1.00** New Girl **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Die Hard 2 (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.25** FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **1.35** Gogglebox **2.40** Empire **4.10** Rude(ish) Tube **4.55** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.20** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** My Floating Home **10.50** Come Dine with Me **1.35** Four in a Bed **4.15** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Location, Location, Location **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **10.00** FILM: Inglourious Basterds (2009) (18) Second World War adventure, starring Brad Pitt. **1.05** WWII's Secret Spy Camp **2.10** Nazi Megastructures **3.15** Food Unwrapped **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Napoleon Dynamite (2004) (PG) Comedy, starring Jon Heder. **1.00** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **3.10** Avatar (2009) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington. **6.20** Seven Years in Tibet (1997) (PG) Fact-based drama, starring Brad Pitt. **9.00** Ted (2012) (15) A boy's magical living teddy remains his friend into adulthood, creating tension with his girlfriend. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg, with the voice of Seth MacFarlane. **11.05** Warm Bodies (2013) (12) Romantic comedy horror, with Nicholas Hoult and Teresa Palmer. **1.00** Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon (2013) (12) Mystery adventure prequel, starring Mark Chao. **3.45** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Sin City Motors **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **11.00** Deadliest Pests Down Under **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **7.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **8.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **11.40** Russell Howard's Good News **12.20** Room 101 **1.40** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.30** Russell Kane: Smokescreens & Castles **3.35** Carpool **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Last Detective **4.00** Pie in the Sky **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **12.55** The Wind in the Willows **2.55** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Tim Burton's Peculiar Tales **12.00** The F1 Show **12.30** Futurama **3.00** Modern Family **5.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Mount Pleasant **10.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Rugby's Funniest Moments **1.00** The Last Ship **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Without a Trace **11.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** FILM: Spy Game (2001) (15) Thriller, starring Brad Pitt. **11.25** Game of Thrones **1.50** The Sopranos **3.00** Cold Case **4.00** Storm City **5.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.10 Doctor Who **7.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.30** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** Luther **11.30** Traffic Cops **12.30** Derren Brown: Messiah **1.30** Grimm **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **7.50** Lovejoy **12.35** Only Fools and Horses **11.00** Steve Coogan: The Man Who Thinks He's It **1.00** Inside No 9 **1.40** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **2.15** Bellamy's People **2.50** The Thick of It **3.20** jam **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Sporting Triumphs **8.00** Sporting Heroes: Graham Taylor Interviews Denis Law **9.00** Live Ryder Cup Breakfast. A look ahead to the second day's play. **12.30** Live Ryder Cup Golf. The second day gets under way in Minnesota. **6.00** Live Ryder Cup Golf. The second day continues in Minnesota. **12.30** Sporting Triumphs **1.00** How the 1997 Ryder Cup Was Won **4.00** Sporting Triumphs **5.00** Sporting Rivalries

Sunday October 2nd

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 6.15pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.40 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.00 Ingenious Animals** (S)(R) **3.00 Points of View** (S) **3.15 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **4.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.50 Animal Babies** (S) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** (S)

7 **7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results** The first couple to leave the contest are revealed. (S)

8 **8.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce returns to Arley Hall, Cheshire. (S)

9 **9.00 Poldark** The Warleggans acquire new information that could bring about Ross's downfall. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action. (S)

11 **11.50 FILM Brooklyn's Finest (2009) (18)** Crime thriller, starring Richard Gere, Don Cheadle and Ethan Hawke. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **2.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2

American Football: NFL Live, 1.45pm

6.00 Glorious Gardens from Above (S)(R) **6.45 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **7.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **8.45 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **10.45 Golf: The Ryder Cup** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Reggie Yates: Touchdown USA** (S)(R) **1.45 American Football: NFL Live** (S) **6.00 Rugby League – Super League Highlights** Action from the penultimate round of fixtures. (S)(R)

7.00 Ireland with Simon Reeve Two-part programme exploring the history of both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. (S)(R)

8.00 Hunting the Nazi Gold Train Dan Snow follows efforts to locate a train, believed buried and loaded with gold. (S)

9.00 Louis Theroux – Savile The presenter sets out to understand how Jimmy Savile was able to get away with his crimes. (S)

10.15 QI XL Extended edition. With Suggs, Claudia O'Doherty and Jimmy Carr. (S)(R)

11.00 Golf: The Ryder Cup Highlights of day three from the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota. (S)

1.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.55** Holby City (S)(R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Chase: Celebrity Special, 6.30pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **11.30 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News** (S) **12.35 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **1.35 Victoria** (S)(R) **2.35 The X Factor** (S)(R) **4.05 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.05 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **6.05 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special** (S)

7.30 The X Factor The conclusion of the judges' houses. (S)

9.00 Victoria The government fears Albert's growing influence. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.20 Peston on Sunday** Political magazine. (S)(R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Speed with Guy Martin, 7.30pm

6.00 Volkswagen Racing Cup (S) **6.30 Triathlon: Long Course Weekend** (S) **7.00 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Live** Coverage of the 16th round of the season (Start-time 8.00am). (S) **10.45 Sunday Brunch** (S) **1.45 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **2.45 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **4.20 Channel 4 News** (S) **4.50 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Replay** Action from the 16th round of the season. (S)

7.30 Speed with Guy Martin Guy tries to break the speed record for a pedal-powered boat. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls Mark Jenkins thinks he can turn the group's fortunes around. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM Red Eye (2005) (12) Thriller, with Rachel McAdams and Cillian Murphy. (S)

12.45 Obsessive Compulsive Country House Cleaners (S)(R) **1.45** Grand Designs Australia (S)(R) **2.40** Food Unwrapped (S)(R) **3.10** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas, 6.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S)(R) **12.30 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **2.30 FILM A Knight's Tale (2001) (PG)** Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger. (S) **5.05 Now That's Funny!** (S) **6.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas** (S)

7.00 Ice Road Truckers New series. Polar Industries sets out to defend its title. (S) **7.55 Ice Road Truckers** (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM The Expendables 2 (2012) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme. (S)

11.05 FILM Total Recall (2012) (12) Sci-fi thriller remake, starring Colin Farrell and Kate Beckinsale. Edited for flashing images. (S)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Little Mix: The Hot Desk **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **12.00** The X Factor **1.30** The Xtra Factor Live **2.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.05** FILM: Kangaroo Jack (2003) (PG) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** FILM: Kangaroo Jack (2003) (PG) **5.00** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) **6.50** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** Dating in the Dark **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Inspector Morse **8.00** Heartbeat **10.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.10** Rosemary & Thyme **1.15** FILM: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972) (PG) **2.55** A Touch of Frost **5.10** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** Wire in the Blood **2.00** FILM: The Three Musketeers (1973) (PG) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** FILM: The Three Musketeers (1973) (PG) **3.50** May the Best House Win **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 In Their Own Words: 20th Century Composers **8.00** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales. The reasons behind an increase in orca mortality. **9.00** Horizon: How Small Is the Universe? **10.00** Goodbye Rosetta: A Sky at Night Special **10.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **11.30** Lulu – Something to Shout About **1.00** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **2.30** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.10** Baby Daddy **6.55** Stage School **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** FILM: Postman Pat: The Movie (2014) (U) **1.45** The Frozen Phenomenon **2.45** The Goldbergs **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) (PG) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller. **10.05** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.10** Body Fixers **12.15** Rude Tube **1.20** Containment **2.20** Empire **3.50** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.30** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.55** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms **10.55** Homes by the Sea **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **9.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **10.00** Hitler's Hidden Drug Habit: Secret History **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.20** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **2.20** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **3.20** River Cottage Bites **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) (PG) **1.00** The Parent Trap (1961) (PG) **3.45** Tea with Mussolini (1999) (PG) **6.15** The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) (12) **8.50** Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children Interview Special **9.00** Lone Survivor (2013) (15) Fact-based Afghanistan war drama, starring Mark Wahlberg. **11.25** The Dilemma (2011) (12) Comedy drama, starring Vince Vaughn. **1.40** Storage 24 (2012) (15) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **11.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.00** Jay Leno's Garage **1.00** Traffic Cops **2.20** American Pickers **4.20** FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991) (PG) **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.15** QI **2.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** Problems **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **11.00** Call the Midwife **3.00** Catherine Cookson's The Gambling Man **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** FILM: The Hound of the Baskervilles (2002) (15) Sherlock Holmes adventure, starring Richard Roxburgh. **1.15** An Adventure in Space and Time **2.55** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **8.30** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Road Wars **1.00** Four Weddings **2.00** Don't Tell the Bride **3.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **4.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **11.00** The Force: Essex **12.00** Stop, Search, Seize **1.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **2.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** UK Border Force **5.00** Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** The Night Of **10.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **10.45** FILM: The (Dead Mothers) Club. Documentary about three women whose mothers died early. **12.10** Aquarius **2.10** The Sopranos **3.15** Entourage **4.20** Storm City **5.10** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** Doctor Who **7.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Judge Faith **1.00** My Dream Home **3.00** Doctor Who **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** Beauty and the Beast **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Kirsty Young **10.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **11.00** Motorway Cops **12.00** Code Black **1.45** Grimm **2.30** Traffic Cops **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Creature Comforts **7.10** Bewitched **7.35** FILM: The Magnet (1950) (U) **9.10** Only Fools and Horses **11.10** FILM: Meet Mr Lucifer (1953) (PG) **12.45** FILM: Davy (1958) (U) **2.25** Richard E Grant on Ealing Comedies **3.25** FILM: Barnacle Bill (1957) (U) **5.10** FILM: The Love Lottery (1954) (U) **7.00** Richard E Grant on Ealing Comedies **8.05** FILM: The Lavender Hill Mob (1951) (U) Ealing comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **9.45** Only Fools and Horses **11.00** FILM: My Cousin Vinny (1992) (15) Courtroom comedy, starring Joe Pesci. **1.30** The Thick of It **2.10** Human Remains **2.50** Stella Street **3.05** jam **3.30** The Armando Iannucci Shows **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football's Greatest Players **6.30** Football's Greatest International Teams **7.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Sunday Supplement **11.30** Goals on Sunday **1.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **4.15** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **7.00** Live Ryder Cup Golf. Coverage of the singles on the concluding day in Minnesota. **12.30** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Nissan Football Special **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Football's Greatest Players **4.30** Football's Greatest International Teams **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Live ATP Tennis.

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Omid aims to bring joy

• Omid Djalili

POLITICS, fables of his life and a bellyful of laughs will be on the agenda when comedian Omid Djalili visits Didcot on Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6.

The comic of British-Iranian descent will be performing at Cornerstone Arts Centre as part of his 'Schmuck For a Night' UK tour.

Returning to his stage show is something completely different to what Omid has been used to in the last few months, as the 50-year-old recently starred in the popular BBC show 'Dickensian' and the Sky 1 Show 'Stan Lee's Lucky Man', which also featured James Nesbitt and Eve Best.

Omid hopes he can now bring more joy to people throughout the country - including his forthcoming Didcot audiences - through his speciality – comedy.

Omid said: "I write stuff on my computer and keep it under wraps until I test it. The rest that doesn't work, I tweet.

"My career has evolved like the weird little prehistoric horse the Hypohippus which used to have three toes but then developed hooves.

"So no one really cares or can say for certain it actually ever existed."

By **James Richings**

Venues in all four corners of the UK will be on Omid's mind as he ventures across the country on his first tour for almost 18 months.

Even though the comic has had an impressive film career, which has seen him star in blockbusters such as 'The Mummy', 'Shaun the Sheep', 'The Infidel' and 'Sex and the City 2', Omid insisted that he does not have a favourite film and that stand-up comedy was his main joy.

He said: "The thing about movies is that they are filmed and captured in that state forever.

"The reason I love stand-up is because there is always the opportunity to improve it and make it better."

Following his 50th birthday last September, Omid revealed what advice he would have given himself when he first started his comedy career.

"Forget everything you learned in Theatre Studies," he said.

"Nuanced variations on the same screeching Arab accent will get you further than you ever imagined."

Both Omid's shows at Cornerstone start at 8pm and tickets cost £20.

For bookings, contact the arts centre's box office on 01235 515144.

Singer to perform

LIVE MUSIC: Singer-songwriter Beth Orten will be performing at the O2 Academy in Oxford on Saturday, October 1.

The 40-year-old arrives at the Cowley Road venue as part of her UK tour, which will see her perform tracks from her latest album 'Kidsticks', as well as her six previous ones.

The gig starts at 6.30pm and tickets cost £20.81.

A little bit of Spain

VARIETY: The Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot will be hotting up when it stages a Spanish Night on Saturday, October 1.

The event will feature continental dances and music at the Station Road venue. The event starts at 8pm and tickets cost £14.50.

Nina to return

COMEDY: Comedian and ventriloquist Nina Conti is returning to Oxford on Wednesday, October 5, on her 'In Your Face' UK tour.

She is visiting the New Theatre 13 months after her performance at the Oxford Playhouse.

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The village is a sought-after location for its country aspect, while also offering easy access to amenities in Didcot and Abingdon.

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Two-bed home on market at £350,000

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advantage of a front aspect window, as well as a wooden floor and a log burner.

It flows through to the dining room, which is currently used a study area, to the kitchen/ breakfast room, a space for the family to gather while overlooking the rear enclosed gardens.

On the first floor, the master bedroom runs the full width of the cottage with front aspect twin windows and characterful ligneous flooring. A family bathroom and a second bedroom with a garden view complete the upstairs accommodation.

Outside, the lawns are lined with flower beds and mature trees. For further details, contact Andrews' Abingdon office on 01235 555553 or view the website: Andrewsonline.co.uk.

Can buy-to-let help 13,862 savers in Oxford protect themselves from low interest rates?

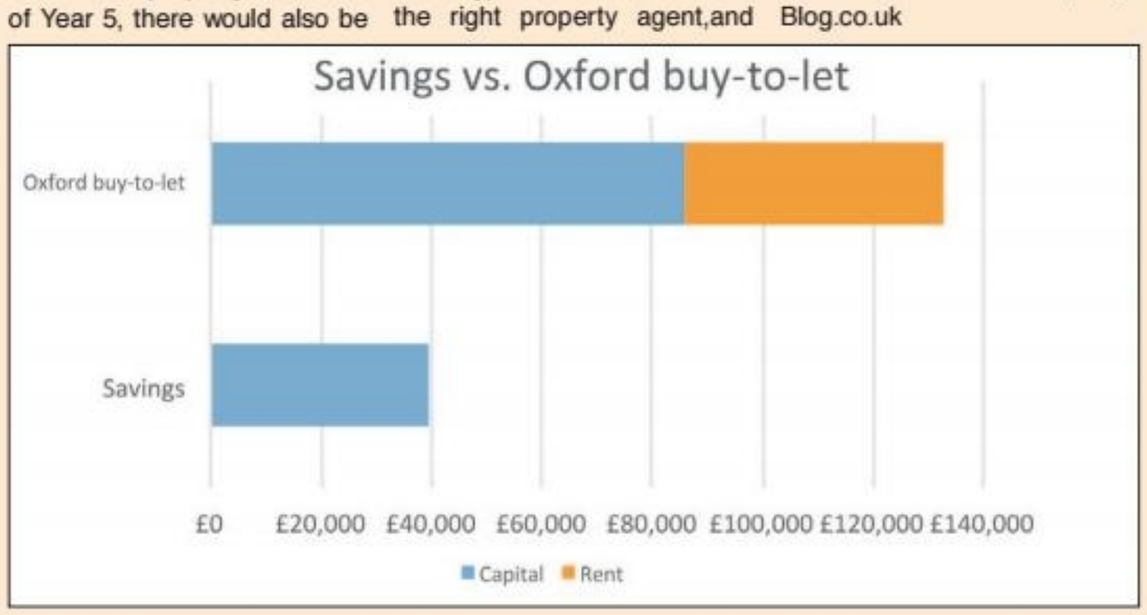
Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co Oxford

THE financial correspondents of many national newspapers are speculating that interest rates will stay low well into the early 2020s. The yield on 10-year Government bonds is currently around 0.61 per cent, indicating that the banks, pension funds and institutional investors believe that the Bank of England's base rate will on average be below 0.61% over the next ten years (ie the rate at which they are buying the 10-year bonds).

For those who have savings (with many depending on them to supplement their pensions) and looking for ways to improve their returns and protect their capital, investing their savings in property is an attractive option. A simple search of the Internet suggests that the best savings rate available is a 5-year fixed rate at 2.5% a year. A £300,000 nest egg would earn you £7,500 a year and even then only if the capital was left undisturbed. However, Oxford property prices and buy-to-let yields combine to make property investment in Oxford an appealing alternative investment. The average yield (the investment return) over the last five years for Oxford buy-to-let property has been just over 5% per annum and average property values over the same period have risen by 28.6%.

Using these averages, the saver with £300,000 to invest in Oxford property would have capital appreciation of £85,800 over 5 years and receive an average gross rental income of £15,900 per annum. But investing in property seems a daunting prospect for many people, who may worry that they don't really have the expertise to choose the right property, and don't have the capability to manage the process of finding tenants, managing the maintenance and collecting rent. Then there's the stamp duty to pay on the house purchase (£9,000 on a purchase of £300,000 as a buy-to-let), and the need to submit extra detail on a tax return (perhaps £750 per annum for an accountant). For property owners who don't want to manage the property themselves, a letting agent will want up to 12% of the rental returns per annum to undertake the management. And, of course, there is maintenance of the property to protect the asset value at say 7.5% of the gross rent. Assuming the investor sells the property at the end of Year 5, there would also be estate agency fees for the sale. But even with these complications, the net returns available are enormous compared to the best 5-year savings rate available. The total net return on investment (ie after all of the costs have been taken into account) is £132,600. When compared to the best 5-year savings rate I could find which would provide a net return of just under £40,000. That is a return that is over 3 times what is likely to be achieved by saving money in a bank or building society account.

As with any investment, there are risks as well as benefits to buy-to-let investment. For example, investing in rental property means locking up capital in an asset that may fall or stagnate in value. There could be periods where the property stands empty waiting for new tenants to be found (called a void in the property industry). But with advice from the right property agent,and with a willingness to take a medium- to long-term view, most of the risks can be offset. And, with interest rates so low, and set to continue to be low over the coming 5 years, the return from the right property investment more than offsets the risks involved. If you are considering becoming a new buy to let landlord in Oxford, and want to know more about the Oxford property market, do what many established landlords do, and visit the Oxford Property Blog where there is a catalogue of articles like this one and where the best buy to let deals in Oxford can be found www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk



Deadline on video contest extended

AMATEUR film-makers with a passion for where they live have an extra two weeks to make a short video showing the best of their home town and potentially win a £1,000 top prize.

National estate agents Leaders is running its 'Love living in' competition and, due to popular demand, is extending the deadline to Monday, October 3.

Allison Thompson, managing director at Leaders, said: "We have received some fantastic entries so far showing the best of lots of different cities, towns, villages across the UK, but there are many more locations we would love people to share with us as part of 'Love living in'."

As well as the £1,000 top prize, the winner will receive a further £1,000 for a charity or community group of their choice.

There will also be prizes of £500 plus £500 for a charity or community* group for the winners of the People's Choice, which is decided by social-media shares, and Best Film by a Young Person categories.

Allison explained: "All videos must be no longer than three minutes, so it only takes a few minutes and the use of a smartphone or tablet to capture footage of the things you love most about your hometown.

"There is still time to secure our fabulous prize and entering 'Love living in' could not be easier!"

All videos must be received by the deadline and the three prizewinners will be notified by Monday, October 17.

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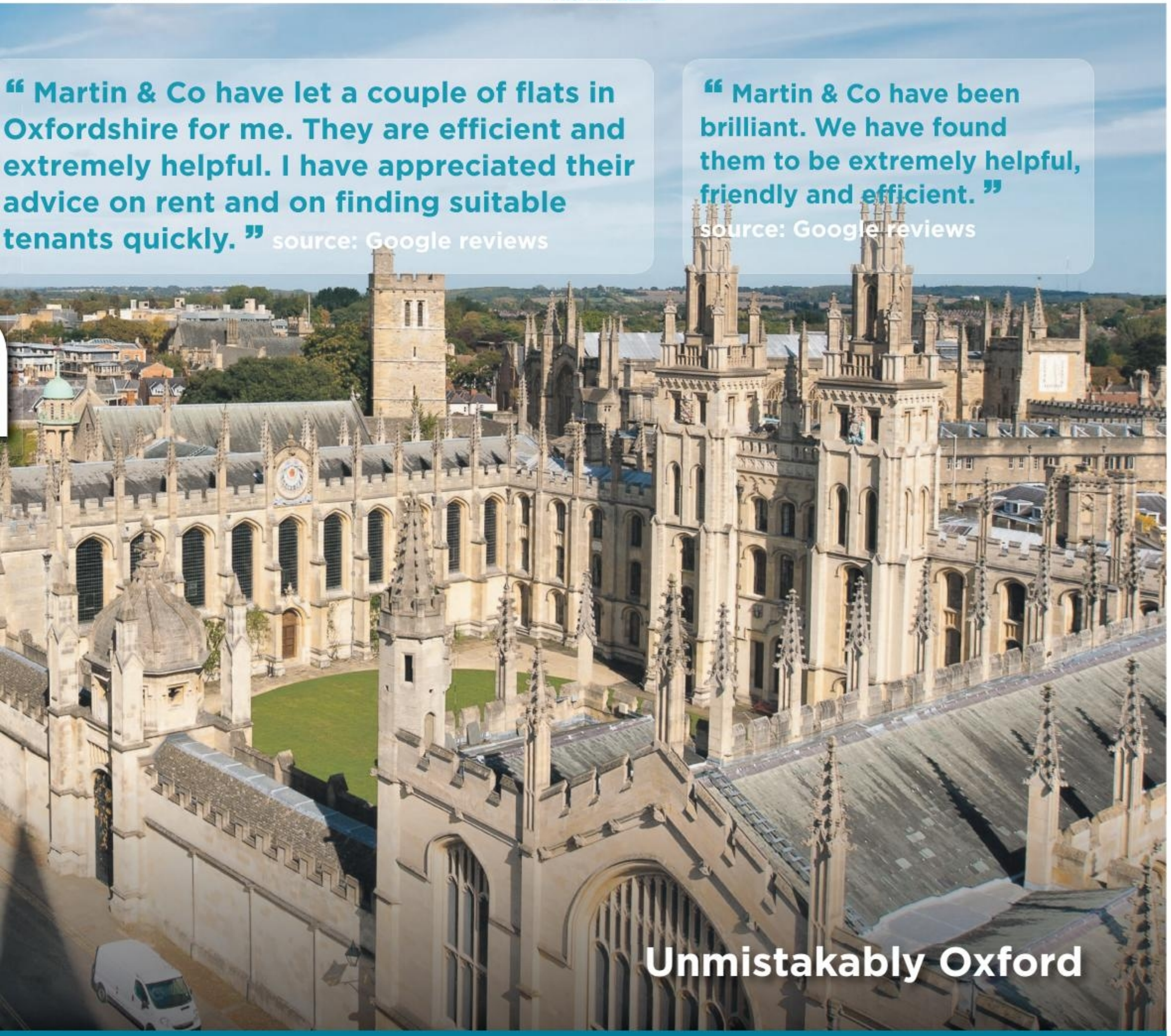

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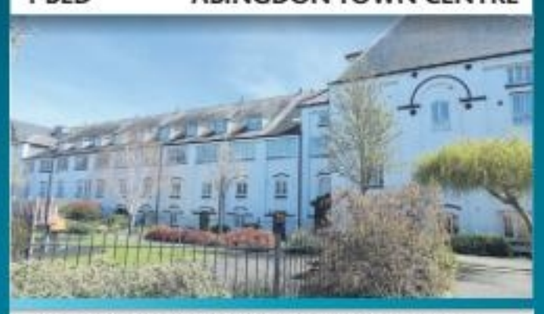

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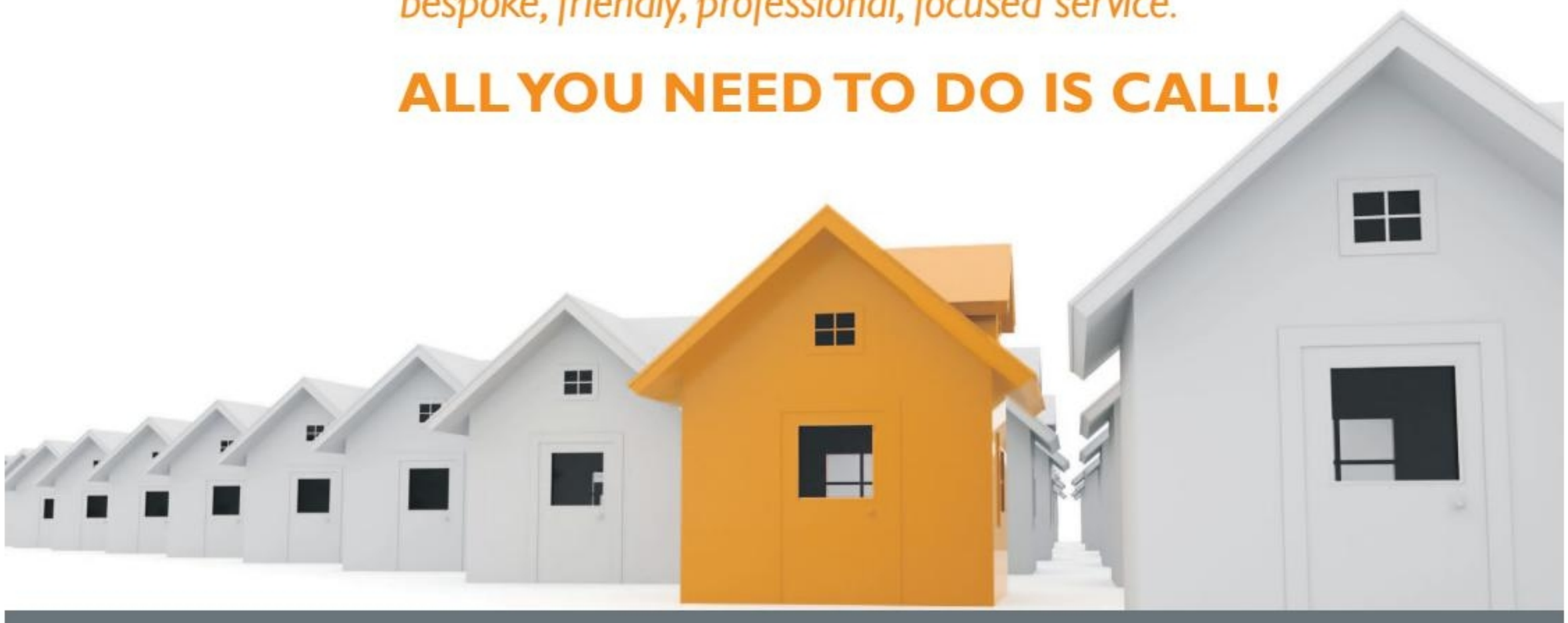

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Top folk duo delighted to return to Nettlebed club

GOOD friends Chris While and Julie Matthews will be rolling back the years when they visit Nettlebed Folk Club on Monday, October 3.

By **James Richings**

The duo are on a short tour across the UK throughout October, when they will visit venues including Birmingham, Carlisle, Hitchin and Banbury as they promote their 17th studio album 'Shoulder to Shoulder'.

Chris told the Guardian: "We have performed there once or twice a year for 20 years, we're old friends now."

Speaking about their new album, Julie said: "There are songs of the heart and politics. 'Pride' is one of the songs on the album and it is about the terrible injustice and intolerance in certain parts the world) whilst 'Are we Human' focuses on the refugee crisis here and in Europe."

As well as recording, performing and touring the world together, both Chris and Julie have enjoyed great success with other musicians.

Chris has worked with country and folk legends such as the late Pete Zorn, who was a former member of Steeleye Span, multi-instrumentalist Phil Beer, and was also a member of The Albion Band.

Julie was also a member of The Albion Band and has worked with fellow singer-songwriter Christine Collister and Helen Watson, a prominent name in the blues, soul, jazz and folk world.

Despite having their separate musical lives, Chris and Julie enjoy a chemistry on stage which is evident when they perform - and they hope they can take that to Nettlebed.

After their gig in Nettlebed, the duo return to Oxfordshire on Saturday, October 15, when they perform in Banbury at The Mill Arts Centre.

Julie said: "There is a kind of 'welcome back to my living room' feel at Nettlebed.

"The audiences there are very skilled at listening and supporting.

"You know that they have bought the ticket because they like and appreciate your music and the work you put into it."

Chris added: "We have played to thousands of people, 25,000 at one festival, but the one that mattered was a house concert in the Blue Mountains in Australia.

"It was for a choir of abused women that had really suffered. They cried, we cried and then they sang for us. It was beautiful."

The Nettlebed Folk Club gig at the High Street venue will begin at 8pm.

• *Julie Matthews (left) and Chris While*

Concert screened

FILM: The Rolling Stones' Havana Moon Concert will be screened at Wallingford Corn Exchange tomorrow night, Friday, September 30.

On Good Friday, the Stones became the first rock band to play a free outdoor concert to hundreds of thousands of fans in Cuba.

Tickets cost £7 and it starts at 7.30pm.

Tale of friendship

PLAY: The play 'Spine' will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse tonight and tomorrow, Thursday to Friday, September 29 and 30.

Written by Channel 4 playwright Clara Brennan and starring Oxford actress Rosie Wyatt, it tells the story of an explosive friendship between a ferocious, wisecracking teenager and an elderly East End widow.

Tickets cost £10 and both shows starts at 7.30pm.

Banbury band's gig

LIVE MUSIC: Banbury-based band I Cried Wolf will be gigging at Oxford's O2 Academy tomorrow night, Friday, September 30.

The concert by indie, grunge and rock group at the Cowley Road venue starts at 6pm and tickets cost £9.05.

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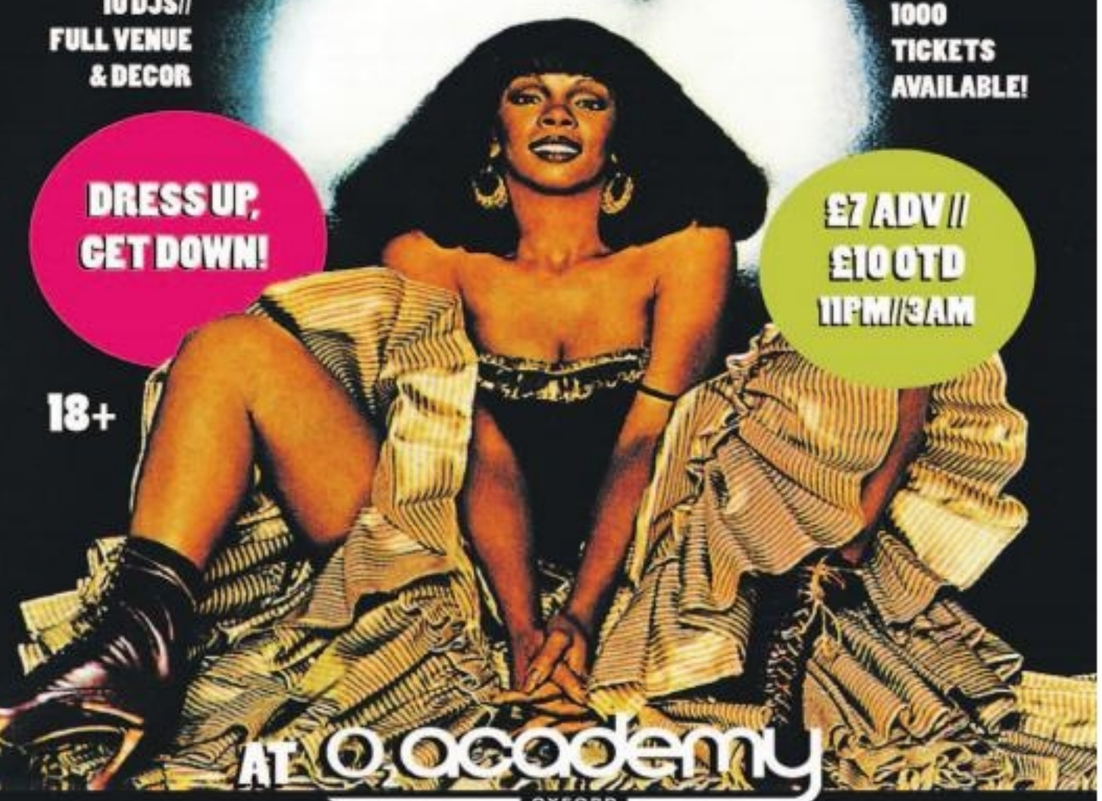

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Husband-and-wife team to play Chipping Norton gig

WHEN they first met in 1995, little did Nancy Kerr and James Fagan know what was going to hit them.

By **James Richings**

Countless awards, numerous album releases and lots of fans have since made the two an unstoppable force in the British folk music industry.

However, on Tuesday, October 4, Nancy will be taking centre stage when Nancy Kerr and the Sweet Visitor Band visits The Theatre, Chipping Norton.

The band is made up of popular country and acoustic artists such as Cara Dillon, The James Bros, Nancy's husband James, and Tom Wright.

For the last 21 years, London girl Nancy and James, who hails from Sydney, Australia, have been touring worldwide together, sharing their self-written folk tunes.

Nancy told the Guardian: "We met in 1995 in Whitby through mutual musical friends and found that we had an immense amount in common even though we were from different ends of the globe.

"With our shared background in traditional and political music and song, we just had to play together."

James said: "It's great to have people remark on the presence of the chemistry – you might feel yourselves that you have it, but it needs to be communicated to the listener, and invite them in.

"Folk concerts are a wonderful example of the breaking down of boundaries between audience and artist."

Nancy and James won the 'Horizon Award' at the first BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2000, before winning the Best Duo prize at the awards ceremony in 2003 and 2011.

As well as releasing eight studio albums, the duo are known to have an amazing chemistry on and off the stage. The stories in their self-written tunes capture their audiences with most of their songs discussing love, heartbreak and sorrow.

So it's no surprise that the two got drawn closer together and in 2007 shared their mutual love for each other by getting married.

The gig on Tuesday will start at 7.45pm, and tickets cost £16.

• *Nancy Kerr and James Fagan*

Movie screening

FILM: Last year's Palestinian drama film 'The Idol' will be screened at The Theatre, Chipping Norton, this evening, Thursday, September 29.

The emotional story looks at the lives of siblings Mohammed and sister Nour Assaf, who dream big and reach their goals, despite living in a war zone. The movie starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £9.

Covers band show

LIVE MUSIC: Newbury-based covers band Thickcut will be gigging at the Nag's Head in Abingdon on Friday, September 30.

The five-piece band is visiting the town centre pub to perform songs from the likes of Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple and Whitesnake.

The free gig starts at 9.30pm.

Comedy night

COMEDY: The Glee Club's weekly comedy line-up continues on Saturday, October 1.

Comedians Andy Robinson, Imran Yusef and Erich McElroy and another comic, who is yet to be confirmed, will perform at the Hythe Bridge Street venue this Saturday.

Tickets cost £14.50 and doors open at 7.15pm. The show is suitable for over-18s.

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Tues 4th Oct: Sholto Kynoch discusses the Lieder Festival
Weds 5th Oct: Courtney Hughes talks about a charity secret santa

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Wed, Sep 28 & Fri, Oct7
Corn Exchange, Wallingford
PANTOMIME TABLE READ AND AUDITIONS
The Wallingford Corn Exchange's actors, the Sinodum Players are looking actors to take part in next year's family show, 'The Pied Piper'.
A read-through of the script will take place on Wednesday, September 28 with auditions happening nine days later on Friday, October 7 at 7.45pm at the Market Place theatre.
For more information, please email Julie Utley and Caroline Wilkes on julieutley@aol.com or caroline@chilterntherapy.com.

Thu, Sep 29, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
SEANN WALSH
However disheveled he may be, the Foster's Comedy Award nominee is also one of the sharpest comics in the country.
With a keen observational mind, Seann can spot the absurdity in everything and convert it to perfectly delivered stand-up comedy. The audience is putty in his hands, whilst he's pacing the stage, working the room and reducing crowds to hysterics.
Even if he'd probably rather be at home watching Sky Sports News. He's amassed a raft of panel show and talk show credits to his name, he's also team captain of Channel 4 and E4's Virtually Famous and a regular on ITV's Play to the Whistle.

Thu, Sept 29, - Fri, Sept 30
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SPINE
From fast-rising Channel 4 playwright, Clara Brennan, comes the Fringe First and Herald Angel Award-winning Spine, a hilarious and heartbreaking call to arms for our modern age.
Spine charts the explosive friendship between a ferocious, wise-cracking teenager and an elderly East End widow. Mischievous activist pensioner Glenda is hell-bent on leaving a political legacy and saving Amy from the Tory scrapheap.
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Sat, Oct 1, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BETH ORTON
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PETER MURPHY
Bauhaus vocalist Peter Murphy hits the road again with a new tour. Thin with prominent cheekbones, a baritone voice and a penchant for gloomy poetics, he is often called the Godfather of Goth.

Sun, Oct 2, 2pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
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Tue, Oct 4, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
THE KILLS
Over their almost decade-and-a-

half career, The Kills have released four records. Each one has been a restless, reckless enigmatic art statement that bristled with tension, anxiety, sex, unstudied cool and winking ennui, yet not one of them sounded like the previous. Ash & Ice is the follow up to 2011's critically lauded Blood Pressures and was five years in the making.

Tue, Oct 4, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
NANCY KERR AND THE SWEET VISITOR BAND
2015 was a massive year for Kerr, winning the highest honour of "Folk Singer of the Year" at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Nancy is joined on stage by James Fagan (Cara Dillon, The James Bros) Tom Wright (Albion band),Rowan Rheingans (Lady Maisery) and top bassist Tim Yates.

Wed, Oct 5, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
HYPNOTIC BRASS ENSEMBLE
A family band, seven of the eight members are blood related and training by their father, the jazz trumpeter and band leader, Kelan Phil Cohran.

Wed, Oct 5, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
NINA CONTI,
British comedy award winning ventriloquist Nina Conti uses face masks to turn her audience members into puppets and improvises a hilarious new show every night. No two shows are ever the same.

Wed, Oct 5, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
PETE FIRMAN
Star of BBC1's The Magicians, 'the UK's leading comedy magician' (Time Out) Pete Firman hits the road in 2016 with his astonishing new show, fresh from his 10th year at the Edinburgh Festival. Expect Pete's trademark blend of crowd-pleasing comedy and jaw-dropping magic. Prepare to be amazed!

Wed, Oct 5, 7.30pm
Saint Mary's Church, Oxford.
MAGICAL FLUTES
Winsor based band The Windsor Bo x& Fir Co are trying to raise money for the Churchill Hospital and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre where they are giving a concert in aid of them.
The event will include music by Telemann, WF Bach, Hotteterre and Blavet played on 18th century flutes by Jonathan Morgan and Jenny Thomas. Jonathan, who teaches for the Open University, will also introduce the pieces.
Tickets are £10 and can be bought on the door.

Fri, Oct 7, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
RONNIE SCOTT'S ALL STAR PRESENT
Combining world-class live jazz from the Ronnie Scott's All Stars Quintet, led by the club's musical director, with narration and rare archive photos and video footage, this is a visual and musical celebration of this world-famous venue. Charting the club's rise from a basement bar where local musicians would jam, through its trials and tribulations and landmark performances from now-legendary jazz icons, to become the internationally acclaimed jazz venue it is today.

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If you like to be precise with good "people skills", good manual dexterity and you don't mind working in a busy hospital or clinic then phlebotomy may be just up your street!

Many people enter this profession when they are looking for a career change or a fresh start. Phlebotomists often work part time but some jobs offer full time work as well as weekends and public holidays. After you have collected the blood samples they usually are sent to a hospital Pathology Lab for testing and the results are sent back to your doctor.

"We train people from all walks of life and all ages" explains Jennie, admin manager. "We've had shop assistants, receptionists, beauticians and dental nurses, as well as telesales staff, unemployed, school leavers and retired people".

Once on the healthcare career path students can progress, if they wish, to working in the labs or other specialist departments (such as blood clotting clinics), whilst others choose to work out in the community. Community phlebotomists usually work alone, driving from patient to patient and are usually paid "per blood draw".

With an almost 100% success rate, many Geopace trainees are now happily working as phlebotomists throughout the UK and a few have even decided to put their skills to good use abroad! Charities are often in need of volunteers, especially prostate cancer (PSA) testing, bone marrow matching, DNA testing and many other areas requiring very specific blood tests.

Training takes place over two full days and culminates in the award of a nationally recognised and accredited certificate. "*We practice on artificial arms*", says Jennie. "*and our students have a lot of fun learning a very interesting subject. We get a great deal of satisfaction when we learn that our students are later working in their local hospital or GP Surgery*".

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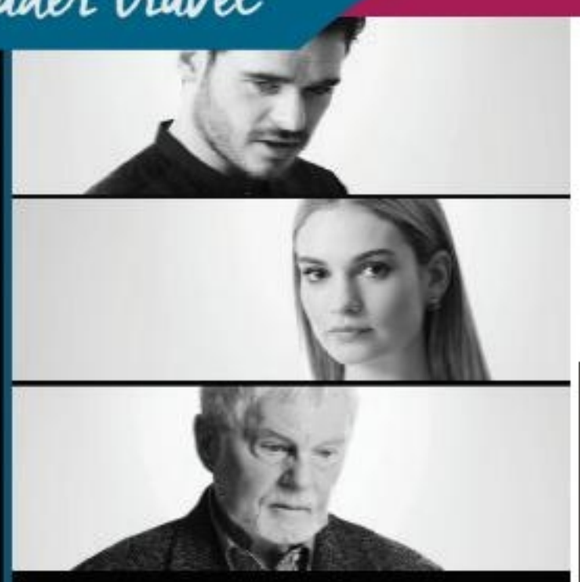

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Sat, Oct 8, 8pm
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Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Saturday, October 8 – Thursday, November 24
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Following on from his very successful show 'Oxford Refracted' at Art Jericho earlier in the year, Stuart brings a selection of his new work to the Cornerstone.
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Mon, Oct 10, 7pm
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Fri, Oct 14, 6.30pm
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Saturday, October 15, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
WRECKING BALL
A male photographer is taking a photograph of a female celebrity. She wants to be reinvented. She wants to be For Real. Wrecking Ball is about consent, power, authorship and putting words in other people's mouths. It's about the seductive power of make-believe. This double-hander asks who's really in control and how subtle abuses of power shape our relationships.
Commissioned by the Spring Festivals Commission 2015: Sprint, Watch Out, Mayfest, Pulse and Latitude Festival. Seeded by greenhouse, A Farnham Maltings initiative, and developed with the support of the National Theatre Studio, The Point, Eastleigh and The West End Centre. Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.
Wrecking Ball is a play written and performed by Action Hero. Action Hero have performed in theatres, bars and public spaces everywhere, from an old cinema in Bangkok to Shanghai Grand Theatre, from a blues bar in Texas to a Satan's Riders Motorcycle club house in Tasmania. Their ongoing interests lie in the iconography of popular culture and its use; both as a weapon and as a shared cultural memory, and although their work manifests many different forms, the live experience is at the heart of everything they do. Gemma & James have been shortlisted for several awards and won an Austin (Texas) Critic's Table Award in 2013. In 2015, a book of six of their works was published by Oberon.

Fri, Oct 14, 8.30pm
Glee Club, Oxford
FELICITY WARD
Felicity Ward will be at the Glee Club inn Oxford

Sun, Oct 16, 2.30pm
Halloween Walks Teaser
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Sun, Oct 16, 11am and 2pm
The Beacon, Wantage,
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Mon, Oct 17, 7pm
New Theatre, Oxford
THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW
Having sold over 4 million tickets in 35 countries, The Australian Pink Floyd Show is hailed as one of the leading concert performances currently operating and have generated their own legacy and heritage. Forming in 1988 The Australian Pink Floyd Show have constantly been evolving and honing what they do. Their last tour celebrated 40 years since the release of the landmark Pink Floyd album Wish You Were Here as well featuring tracks from the iconic The Dark Side Of The Moon and The Division Bell albums.

Tue, Oct 18 – Sat, Oct 22
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SEXY IN THE MIDDLE
Fresh from a run at the Edinburgh Fringe, The Oxford Revue's newest duo, Derekand Kathy, returns to Oxford to bring the laughs armed only with finely honed material and a number of wigs. Join them for an hour of sketch and character comedy. You're about to meet your new favourite double act!

Tue, Oct 18 – Sat, Oct 22
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
THE RIVER
A true gem of a playwright, Butterworth's plays are as unique as they are beautiful.The River is no exception, expertly combining his talent for lyrical flair and otherworldly suspense. On its debut, it was described by Michael Billington (one of the UK's foremost theatre critics) as "endlessly mysterious... kept me on tenterhooks... confirms that Butterworth possesses a singular talent".

Fri, Oct 21, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
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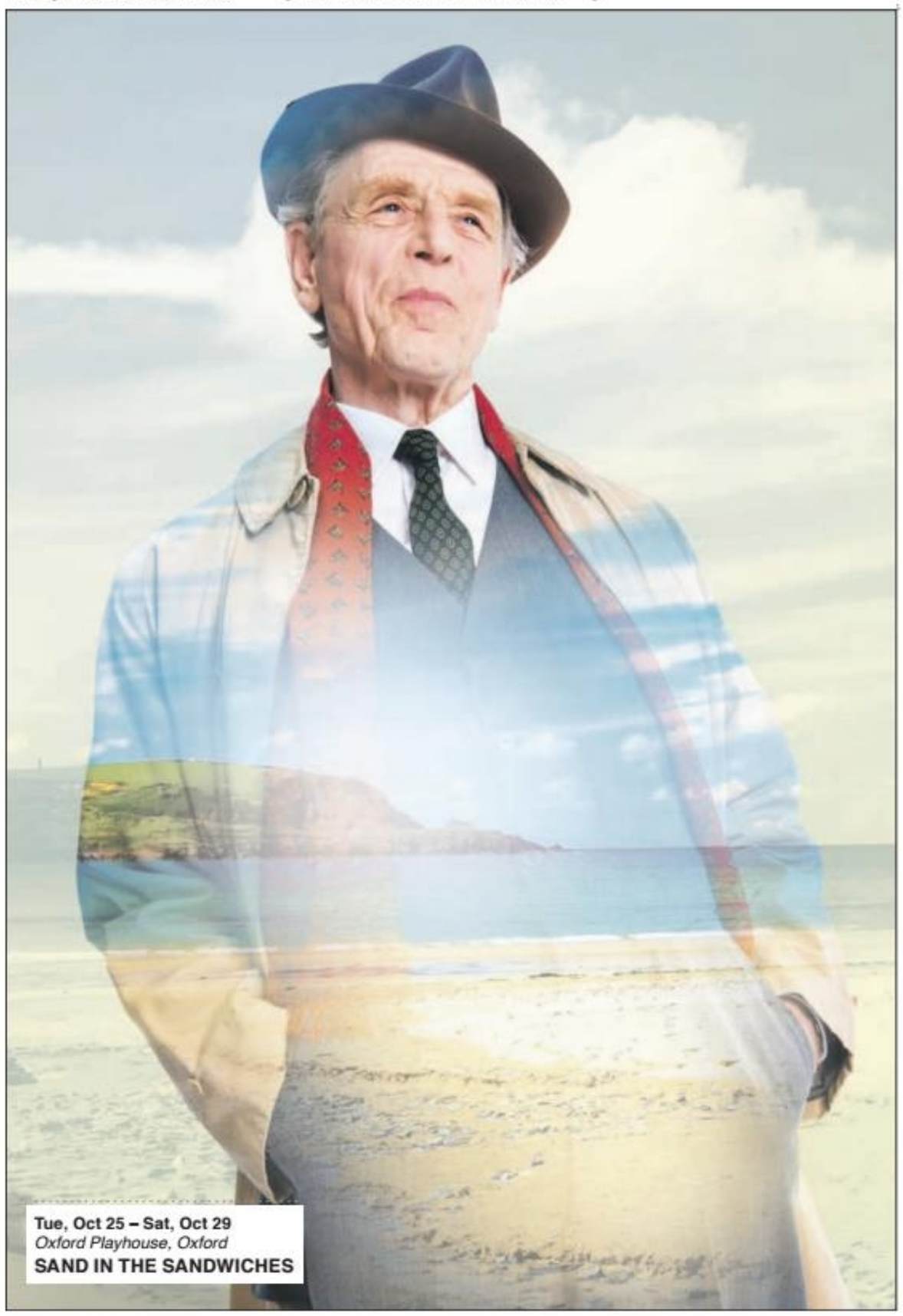

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KIA has pledged to reduce the average CO2 emissions of its range by 25 per cent before 2020, which is no mean feat.

But, with the introduction of the new Niro, which is the company's first dedicated hybrid model, and my recent week's experience of it, it really does seem like Kia has got it right first time.

By **Anthony Yates**

Interior & technology:

The Niro is fitted with a new 1.6-litre direct-injection unit that develops 104bhp and 147Nm of torque, which I have to say feels lively and more than happy to be revved hard on the motorway or rumble around towns where it really does come into its own to help you save fuel and make motoring in our busy streets just that little easier.

Of course, as it's a hybrid the engine is paired with a 32kW (43bhp) electric motor that develops 170Nm of torque and is powered by a 1.56kWh lithium-ion polymer battery.

Together, the two power units produce 139bhp, with 265Nm of torque, which is very pleasing all those times you need to overtake urgently or when you just want to get going as quickly as possible.

The important part here, though, is the fuel return. I managed with very little effort 63.5mpg - now that really is staggering.

On the road:

As I already said, the Niro is a hybrid, which means that most of the time the petrol and electric power units are working together.

However, it can also operate in all-electric mode when you need it for short distances or when using it under gentle acceleration.

Kia has also added a brake energy recovery system that will recoup energy that it stores in the batteries for use later.

As a cross-over, it does a great job of lugging everybody around and is very refined. I didn't really take it blasting into the corners because I wanted to see how the hybrid systems functioned as a whole around town and urban highways, rather that battle the sweeping corners and fast motorways.

Design & technology

Every version of the Niro has a lane assist system, hill-start assist control, cruise control and a speed limiter. You also get additional equipment (first edition model) such as an 8-inch touchscreen navigation system, a wireless mobile phone charger and an eight-speaker JBL Premium sound system with an external amplifier, autonomous emergency braking, blind spot detection with a rear cross traffic alert, smart cruise control and a whole host of other features that makes the mind boggle.

Kia really does go all out in filling the Niro with an abundance of top-end specification.

To sum up: The Niro is one of the first hybrids that I have liked.

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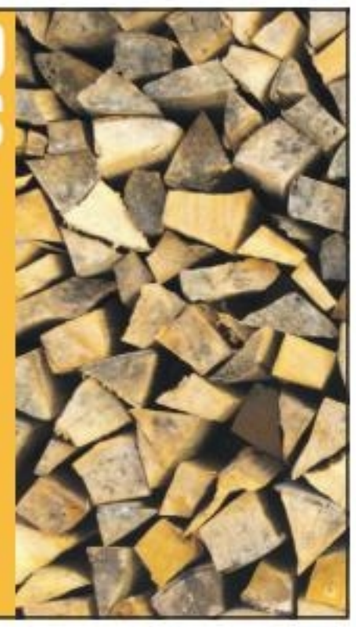

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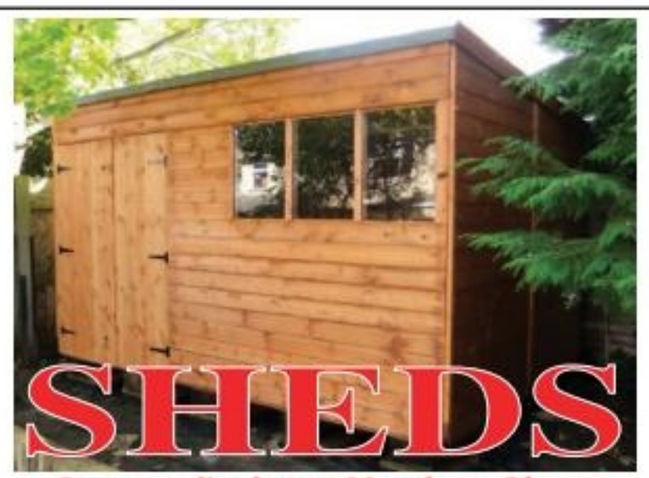

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Williams hoping to cause a storm at Malaysian GP

By **George Welch**

WILLIAMS are hoping Malaysia will be a happier hunting ground following their disappointing performance last time out in Singapore.

The race two weeks ago saw the Grove-based outfit disappoint by failing to collect any points after Valtteri Bottas was forced to retire, while Felipe Massa finished 12th, two places outside the points.

And this weekend, Williams will face similar hot and humid conditions at the Sepang International Circuit in Malaysia.

Massa, who last scored for Williams two races ago at the Italian Grand Prix when he came ninth, is wary of what the Malaysian weather has in store for drivers.

He said: "Malaysia is another very difficult race in the calendar because of how hot and humid it is.

"It rains there almost every day, and when it rains it's normally torrential so it covers the whole track.

"The race is just so dependent on the weather, but I really hope we can do well there and have a good result.

"I was sixth there last year, I hope this year I can perform even better."

As well as the complete resurfacing of the track there have been some tweaks to the circuit, with the intention of improving the racing.

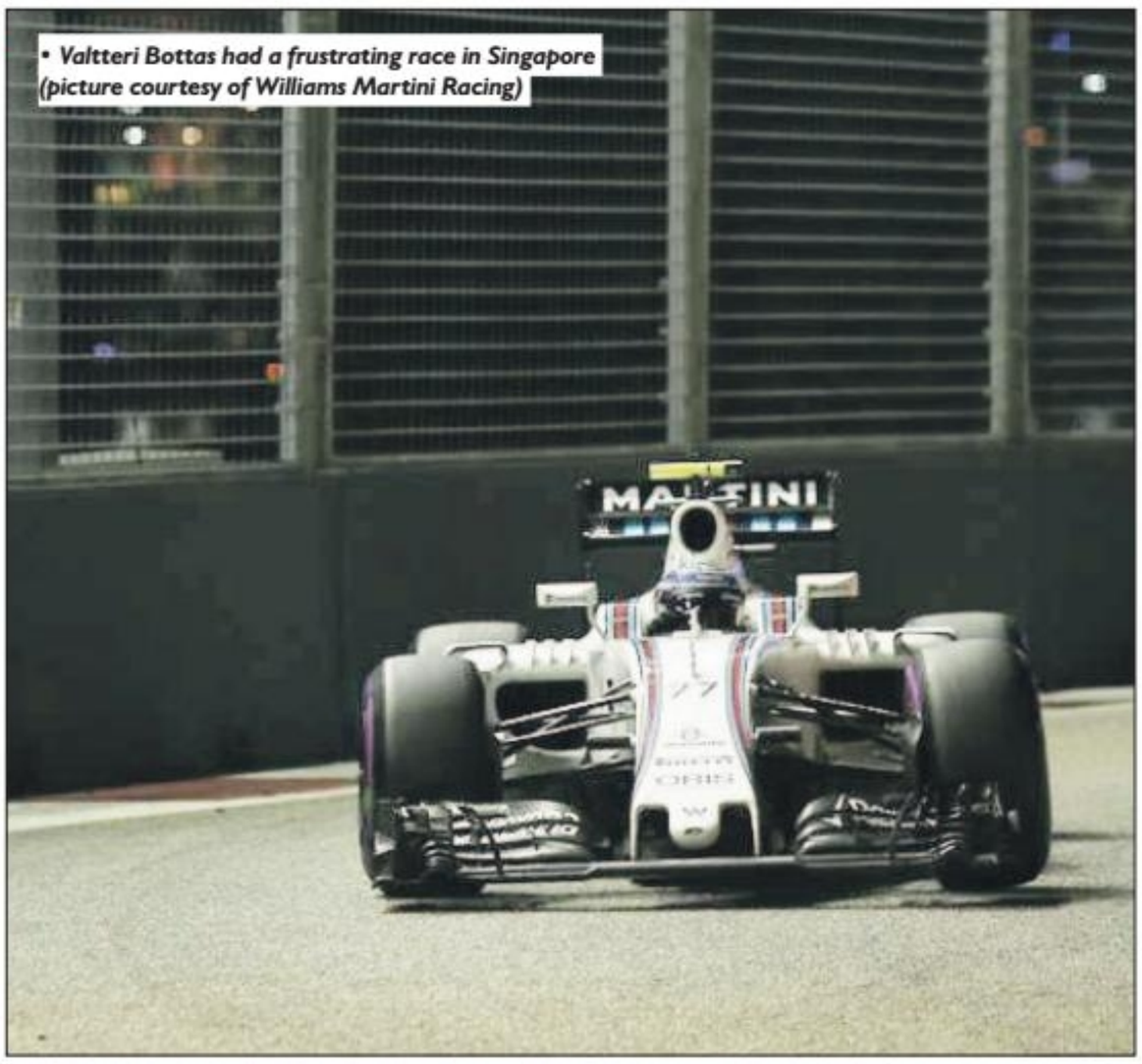
Pat Symonds, Williams' chief technical officer, said: "From a performance point of view, the focus is on the very high temperatures and humidity which not only affect the car set-up but also take a high toll on the drivers.

"The circuit is tough on tyres and hence we move up the spectrum once again using the hard, medium and soft compounds.

"As always in Malaysia, we will be keeping a very close watch for the heavy rainfall that can disrupt this event."

Bottas, who is Williams' top scorer on 70 points and finished fifth in last years' race, said: "Malaysia has changed places in the calendar so it's going to be just as hot and humid as Singapore and another very physical race for the drivers.

"It has a nice mix of both high and low-speed corners. We normally score strong points there."



• *Valtteri Bottas had a frustrating race in Singapore (picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Gutierrez not worried by track changes

HAAS driver Esteban Gutierrez has said he is not fussed by the multitude of changes that have been made to the Sepang International Circuit ahead of this year's Malaysian Grand Prix.

There have been a number of changes to the Sepang International Circuit this year, so much so that the promoter says drivers will feel like they are racing at it for the first time.

But Mexican driver Gutierrez, who is yet to score any points for the Banbury-based team this season, said: "It's always nice to have change in the track.

"Hopefully the grip is going to be very high, because when the grip is high, it's much more fun to drive."

Gutierrez's team-mate Romain Grosjean added that a new track brings new challenges.

He said: "With the resurfacing, you've got to go through with the cars and see if the grip is different.

"There's also a lot of rain at Sepang, so we could see some big aquaplaning."

Manor drivers Pascal Wehrlein and Esteban Ocon, who finished in 16th and 18th place in Singapore, will be hoping for a more encouraging performance as they target a second point.

Magnussen thirsty for more

• *Kevin Magnussen (picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)*

RENAULT'S Kevin Magnussen has said he is on the hunt for more points in Malaysia after claiming Renault's first since May last time out in Singapore.

Magnussen said it was "really satisfying" to secure his second highest finish of the season at the Marina Bay circuit with a 10th-place finish.

But the Dane is keen to continue his point-winning form in the testing conditions at the Sepang International Circuit.

He said: "We must now continue to improve and hopefully we can do the same again in Malaysia.

"It will again be a very hot and humid race weekend so it will be physically demanding just like it was in Singapore.

"I like the Sepang circuit and besides being a great venue, the track has some great high speed sections and the last section is especially one I like very much."

Cyril Abiteboul, Renault's managing director, is also optimistic at adding more points to the team's season's tally, which currently stands at a lowly seven.

He said: "The faster circuits suit us better than the slower ones and we should be able to take full use of the small power unit and mechanical upgrades introduced for the first time in Singapore.

"We are now focussing on the smaller details for the end of the season, and making sure we are exploiting everything to its maximum.

"We're on a positive trend and want to take this momentum forward into the final rounds in Asia."

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Opening day defeat for Oxford ladies

AFTER last week's match was cancelled, the Oxford Hockey Club Ladies' 1sts started their South League Division 2 campaign with a 5-1 defeat at Banbury 1sts.

From the early stages, Banbury pressed high and converted an early penalty corner to put them 1-0 up.

Oxford got into the match after good work by Harri Wilkinson and Clare Shaw in defence, but Banbury doubled their lead with a quick break.

Oxford responded through Floor Timmer - who marked her debut with a goal - but Banbury added a third just before half time.

Oxford needed a better second half, and put more pressure on the Banbury defence which yielded a number of penalty corners.

Oxford still needed to be sharp in defence and man of the match Emma Henriksen made some great saves to deny the opposition forwards.

But Banbury continued to frustrate Oxford and scored two more in the second half to round off a convincing 5-1 victory for the hosts.

Falcons secure landslide win

CHINNOR enjoyed a 12-try walkover on Saturday in a one-sided 76-5 win over Barnstaple to go second in National League 2 South.

A hat-trick from wing Danny Barnes and a brace from Henry Lamont, as well as 21 points from the boot of Bertie Hopkin, gave them an emphatic win.

The pick of the bunch of first half tries was a length of the field effort from Bevon Armitage.

Meanwhile, Witney's unbeaten run in the South West 1 East division ended on Saturday when they suffered a 21-16 loss at Reading.

The home side started strongly with a try from wing Chris Greig within two minutes to put them on the front foot. The hosts raced to a 10-0 lead when centre Harri Palmer-Edwards powered over seven minutes later.

A late push-over try by Deaglan Bartlis salvaged five points for Witney before half time, and the visitors were back to within a score after the break through a Matt Clarke penalty

Wing Arron Lambourne revitalised Witney's hopes with a second try but the hosts responded immediately with Palmer-Edward's racing away down the blindside of a scrum for his second of the afternoon.

Elsewhere, Grove continued their winning streak, moving up into third with a 34-20 win over Chippenham at home.

United maintain unbeaten home record with draw

By **Dominic Thomas**

OXFORD United extended their unbeaten run at home to four in an exciting 1–1 draw with Charlton Athletic on Saturday.

United couldn't quite manage a fourth successive home win at the Kassam, after falling behind early in the second half thanks to a controversial penalty, but showed their class with star player Chris Maguire hitting back with his fifth of the season minutes later.

Charlton came to the Kassam without a win in five as they faced the Yellows, who set up without their usual pairing of Wes Thomas and Kane Hemmings up front, instead favouring Ryan Taylor with Johnson and Maguire playing just behind.

The U's could have taken the lead after just four minutes but for a miraculous save by Declan Rudd, as Chey Dunkley thundered in a header on target.

Charlton also had a chance of their own 10 minutes later as Josh Magennis slid in just behind Fredrik Ulvestad's cross across the face of goal, managing only to connect with keeper Simon Eastwood, who looked shaken, but played on.

There was plenty of flair from both sides with Charlton's standout player Ademola Lookman troubling defenders, and, on one occasion Eastwood with a snap shot from outside the box.

United showed their own touches of class when winger Marvin Johnson hit a half-volley from the edge of the area, which only just whistled past the post.

But Lookman was to get the only bone fide chance before the whistle, as he came one on one with Eastwood, but was thwarted by the onrushing keeper.

Soon after the break and against the run of play, Charlton were given a golden opportunity as a ball into the box was handballed amidst a throng of U's defenders.

Captain Johnnie Jackson put his spot-kick right down the middle to edge the visitors ahead.

U's manager Michael Appleton then brought on Hemmings for lone striker Taylor, who made an immediate impact by forcing a save as Oxford went in search of an equaliser.

Appleton's decision paid further dividends just six minutes later as Hemmings combined with Johnson on a breakaway to assist Maguire, who looped round to the back post and swept a first-time shot past Rudd.

The talismanic Eastwood then showed why he is number one at the Kassam with a fantastic save from Magennis' close-range header just minutes later.

The U's looked set to go on to take a fourth successive win, but strong defending from both sides kept the scores locked.

Another United counter-attack nearly saw Hemmings played in as the tireless Liam Sercombe ventured upfeild, but he couldn't stay onside.

A nervy ending saw both sides have their chances, but a point neither side could find a way of breaking the deadlock.

• *Liam Sercombe put in a man of the match performance (picture by Steve Daniels)*

Oxford lose three on the spin

OXFORD United women lost their third match in a row in the WSL2 with a 1-0 defeat to Aston Villa Ladies at Northcourt Road on Sunday.

A second half Kerri Welsh header condemned United to their eighth defeat in 10 games to leave them second bottom of the table.

The U's paid the price for their failure to convert any of their numerous goalscoring opportunities.

The first chance of note the rebound over the bar.

fell to United's Ellie Noble, who fired a low first-time shot straight at Villa keeper Grace Moloney after some good work from captain Kat Nutman.

And just moments later the U's should have taken the lead when Lauren Allison beat her marker and drew another strong save from the visiting keeper, only for Ella Franklin-Fraiture to blaze

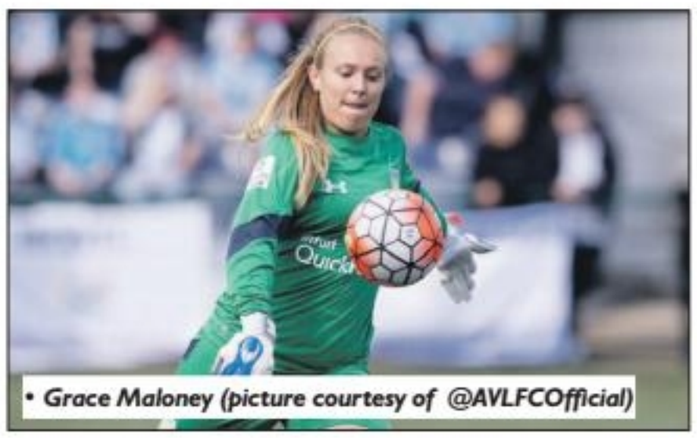
At the other end, Amy West went close twice in quick succession, first volleying wide at the back post and then striking low from the edge of the area from a corner, which forced United keeper Demi Lambourne to tip the ball just past the post.

Ini Umotong and Allison both went close before half-time, but they could not find a way passed Maloney.

United started the second half much as they finished the first, with Umotong racing clear onto a through ball but failing to beat the onrushing Moloney.

And the U's were made to pay for their wastefulness on 54 minutes when Welsh nodded home.

Having fallen behind the yellows struggled to break down a disciplined Aston Villa defence who were able to see out the win.



• *Grace Maloney (picture courtesy of @AVLFCOfficial)*

Last gasp penalty secures Stars a share of the spoils

OXFORD City Stars left it late to salvage a share of the spoils in a 6-6 draw at London Raiders on Saturday.

It was an end-to-end affair at the Lee Valley Ice Centre that saw a last minute Ondrej Pekarik penalty rescue a draw for the Stars, who sit in third place in the NIHL South Division 1 after a win, draw and a defeat so far this season.

Stars sacrificed a two goal advantage in the first period to trail London 6-4 in the final session, only for the Stars to claw their way back into it.

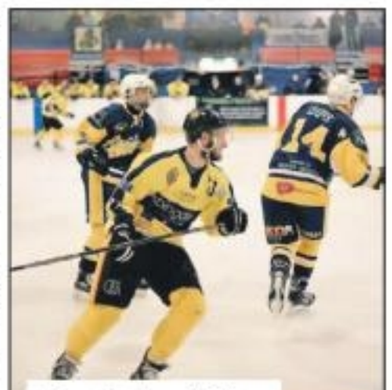
Goals from Alan Green and Jake Florey gave the Stars an early 2-0 lead, but the Raiders hit back through JJ Pitchley to end the first period 2-1.

And the hosts turned the game on its head when Marek Nahlik (2), Kamil Kinkor, Bailey Chitlock and another Pitchley strike gave the Raiders a 6-4 lead.

Pekarick and Joe Edwards were on hand to keep the Stars in contention to trail by two in the closing stages.

Stars replied to the Raider's sixth in perfect fashion when the recalled Boris Ruzicka scored to make it 6-5.

Minutes from the end the Stars earned a penalty shot when the London netminder was adjudged to have intentionally knocked the net off, and the impressive Pekarik converted to save a point for Oxford.



• *Dax Hedges (picture courtesy of @oxfordcitystars)*

U's top scorer has Championship ambitions with club

Maguire in goalscoring form

By **Dominic Thomas**

OXFORD United top scorer Chris Maguire says he hopes the side can be the team that takes him back to playing Championship football next season.

The midfield maestro, who signed a one-year deal in July after a loan spell with the club last season, was instrumental again against Charlton Athletic on Saturday, scoring the U's equaliser with a neat first-time finish in the second half.

It was his fifth goal in 11 games this season, which exceeds his tally for the previous season, scoring four in the last six games.

"I've got a target that I want to reach and I'm well on track for that and again it's another goal which is what I enjoy doing and I'm sure I'll get some more on the way through the season," said Maguire.

He said he attributes his form to his new-found stability at the League One club.

He added: "I'm enjoying my football again. It was a bit up and down last season, trying to get settled, being in and out of the team and finding that difficult.

"But I've had a pre-season which was one of the main things last year that I didn't get and I think people are seeing the benefits of that now."

Having started on the right wing on Saturday, boss Michael Appleton, who brought Maguire to the club after the two worked together at Portsmouth, moved him into a more central role after United went a goal down.

"When I signed he said there will be more opportunity for me to play through the middle this year but I'm happy to be in the team and if I'm out wide then I'll do the job for the them," said the forward.

"I keep saying I want to play through the middle and get goals but [Appleton] knows where I like to play and he knows what he gets out of me if I go up there."

Appleton also praised the Scot's temperament, saying: "People get Chris Maguire so wrong - he's such a team player, people probably look at him and maybe think it's all about him, but he's a clever lad, he knows how to play the game, and he does love playing in the centre.

The 27-year-old says he is focussed on playing at a higher level, having played the majority of his career in the Championship, and hopes that he can take the U's with him.

He continued: "I want to play there, and it's up to me to try and get back there. Hopefully with this team we can get promoted but if I keep putting my performances in, I want to show people that I can play higher."

• Chris Maguire in action against Charlton (picture by Steve Daniels)

United oppose B-team idea for league reform

THE English Football League (EFL) and the 72 clubs it represents, including Oxford United, have collectively ruled out including Premier League B teams in future plans to reform the structure of English football.

In May, it was revealed that the EFL, formerly known as the Football League before this summer, could expand to include a fifth tier by 2019/20, with 100 teams over five divisions. It is planned that additional clubs would come from the National League.

And following a meeting of its clubs last Thursday, the EFL confirmed that the inclusion of Premier League B Teams will not form part of any ongoing discussions for the 'Whole Game Solution'.

Of the 42 clubs that responded, the majority were against introducing B teams into the league structure, including Oxford United.

U's managing director Greig Box Turnbull said: "As we have stated before we are always keen to look at ways of safeguarding the future of football in this country, and will always listen to new ideas and proposals.

"We respect the history and traditions of the league but also believe that debate is healthy in any organisation.

"However, the board have always been firmly against the introduction of B teams to the league and, as we have always believed, most clubs have the same thoughts as us."

A vote on the final proposal will potentially take place in June 2017.

Diddy throw away two goal lead

DIDCOT Town threw away a commanding two-goal lead to lose 3-2 away at Salisbury on Tuesday night.

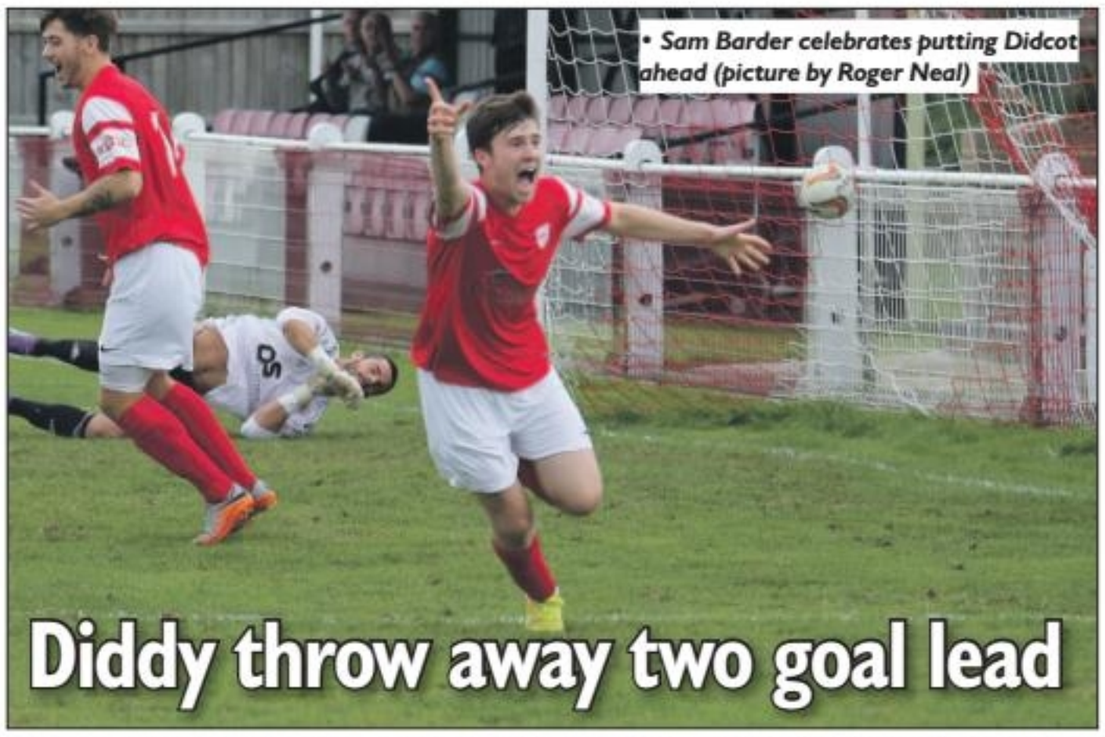
Sam Barder's brace within 34 minutes put the Railwaymen in control at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

But the Whites staged a magnificent fight back with a goal from Tommy Wright and a brace from Justin Bennett to make sure the three points stayed in Wiltshire.

Wright bagged his 11th of the season six minutes before half-time and the hosts were utterly dominant in the second half as Bennett pounced twice to complete the comeback.

Bennett tucked home an Eddie Perrett through ball on 69 minutes to net his first of the evening before he tapped home Lewis Benson's low cross with six minutes remaining to complete the fight back.

The defeat leaves Diddy in 18th place in Division 1 South & West, just two places and five points ahead of Wantage Town, who lost 1-0 at home to Winchester City on Tuesday.



• Sam Barder celebrates putting Didcot ahead (picture by Roger Neal)

Andy Ballard's men had ended a six match winless run in all competitions on Saturday with a 4-2 win over Bideford at the Loop Meadow Stadium in a match where both teams were reduced to 10 men.

The Railwaymen had to come back from 2-0 down to stage an impressive comeback of their own, winning only their second match of the season.

Ben Watson and former Didcot man Ian Sampson both scored early on for Biddy to give the visitors a 2-0 lead within 16 minutes.

But goals from Jack Powell, Ben Whitehead, Barder and Taylor Janes secured Diddy's first win since August 16.

Both teams were reduced to 10 men as centre back Kia Fisher saw red for Bideford, while player-manager Ballard received his marching orders in the closing stages.

• City in action against Whitehawk (picture by Michael Allen)

City woes continue after ninth defeat leaves them second bottom

OXFORD City suffered their ninth defeat in 14 games so far this season following a 3-0 defeat at Whitehawk on Saturday.

It was a bad start to the day when heavy traffic en route to the South Coast meant kick off was delayed by 15 minutes.

And things did not get better on the pitch for the Hoops as a Danny Mills double and a late Reece Connolly strike made it a comfortable afternoon for the hosts.

When the match did eventually get underway, it was an even first half, but with the break in sight, a Mills header from close range gave the Hawks the lead on 41 minutes.

James Roberts was denied a goal for City on 49 minutes after a fine save from Lucas Covolan, and they were made to pay just five minutes later when Mills scored his second of the game.

Connolly settled the tie for the home side on 83 minutes, meaning City sit second bottom in the National League South table.

Bottom club Concord Rangers, who City drew 2-2 with in August, are two points behind the Hoops.

Of their 14 matches in all competitions this season, Justin Merritt's side have only mustered two wins - an opening day triumph at home to Welling and a 3-1 victory at Bath City earlier this month.

Next up for City is a home match against East Thurrock United on October 8.

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Kiddy signings

FOOTBALL: Former Oxford United defender Eddie Odhiambo has joined Kidlington as a player-coach following his release from Oxford City earlier this month.

The right midfielder is the brother of Anaclet Odhiambo, who has also joined the Greens. The striker joins from fellow Evo-Stick side Marlow.

As Eddie holds a UEFA B qualification, he is to combine his playing duties with a coaching role at the club.

Coach re-signs

FOOTBALL: Oxford United have appointed former player Chris Hackett as an U15's youth team coach.

Hackett, 33, came through United's youth team to earn his first professional contract in 1999.

The right-winger made his debut in 2000 and went on to make 142 appearances for the club, scoring nine goals before being sold to Hearts for £20,000 in January 2006.

He also went on to play for Millwall, Exeter, Wycombe, Northampton and, most recently, Barnet.

Retiring this summer, Hackett played 446 matches and scored 27 goals in a 17-year career.

Brothers depart

ICE HOCKEY: Oxford City Stars have "reluctantly" agreed to the transfers of brothers Ben and Josh Ealey-Newman to Bracknell Hornets.

The Oxford-based club have also announced the signing of 18-year-old Hallam Wilson from Basingstoke Bison.

The forward has scored 19 goals in 35 games at senior level already for Basingstoke's NIHL2 team.

Youth recruitment

LACROSSE: Oxford City Lacrosse Club are to welcome girls and boys between the ages of seven and 15 this year for the first time in its history.

The 2016-17 season will kick off on October 3 with a free open evening from 7pm.

Junior players will start with a £20 six-week 'Introduction to Lacrosse' course from October 10 to November 21 with sessions at Horspath Athletics Ground.

The full season runs until the end of March and the team's first friendly matches will take place in early 2017.

Bradley returns

MOTOR RACING: MotoGP rider Bradley Smith is set to return to the track for the Japanese Grand Prix on October 16 after an injury ruled him out for three races.

The 25-year-old Yamaha rider suffered serious ligament damage to his left knee in a crash in practice at Oschersleben in Germany on August 25.

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Frustrated United rue wasted chances

By **George Welch**

OXFORD United's search for an away win continues after a second-half penalty gave Southend United a 2-1 win at Roots Hall on Tuesday night.

Head coach Michael Appleton was left a frustrated man when his Oxford United side wasted a whole host of chances to condemn the U's to another defeat away from the Kassam Stadium this year.

The U's League One travel sickness continued as, despite picking up a first away point at MK Dons, Tuesday's defeat made it four defeats in five on the road - the joint worst in the league.

Kane Hemmings' header deep into first half stoppage time had seen the U's level at the break following a spectacular Ryan Leonard opener for the hosts.

But a contested Anthony Wordsworth penalty on 74 minutes left United empty-handed, despite a spirited display.

U's keeper Simon Eastwood was called into action early on and was on hand to deny early chances for Wordsworth and Jermaine McGlashan.

The clearest chance of the half fell to Hemmings on the half-hour when Liam Sercombe ended a terrific passing move by picking out the striker, only for the former Dundee man to fire over the bar.

Marvin Johnson then tested Mark Oxley's handling on 43 minutes with a low drive before the winger had a header cleared off the line.

But, from the resulting corner, Hemmings guided a header past the helpless Oxley to make it 1-1.

The second half was a rip-roaring end-to-end encounter as United committed men forward and pushed for that elusive first away victory.

Hemmings and Maguire sent efforts over the top after promising build ups, while Johnson flew at his man down the right flank and Sercombe, Lundstram and Rothwell ran themselves into the ground as they tried to join the front men at every opportunity.

But Oxford were unable to make their pressure count, with Hemmings, Maguire and Chey Dunkley all guilty of missing goal scoring opportunities.

And Southend's winner arrived with 16 minutes to go in very similar circumstances to the goal United conceded against Charlton on Saturday.

This time, a Southend dipping cross was met by Ben Coker whose effort struck Phil Edwards on the arm and the penalty was awarded. Edwards also gave away the penalty on Saturday for handball.

Wordsworth kept his cool from 12 yards to slot home the spot kick and make it 2-1.

Substitute Wes Thomas nearly clinched a point for United in the 89th minute but Oxley made an unbelievable save to claw away the striker's shot from six yards.

Appleton's men boasted 64 per cent possession and had 17 shots on goal compared to Southend's 12, but they failed to make their dominance count.

• *Striker Kane Hemmings, pictured against Charlton Athletic on Saturday, scored Oxford's only goal of the night (picture by Steve Daniels)*

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